



Poetry



# What is poetry?

A poem is a piece of writing that appeals to the senses and attempts to stir a reader's imagination or emotions. The poet does this by carefully choosing and arranging language for its meaning, sound, and rhythm.



# Poet-try

You too can write a poem,  
If you will only try.  
Some poems make us laugh  
and some poems make us cry.

Some poems tell a story,  
a Haiku counts beats.  
A poem can be a riddle  
or sound like a goat's bleat.



# Elements of Poetry

Here are some examples from our poetry field trip that you may consider when writing your poem.

rhyme - tell a story - vary in length - count beats -

use tongue twisting words - form a riddle - have a distinctive rhythm -

are intended to be read aloud with two voices



# Types of Poetry

Decide what type of poem you would like to write. Here are some rhyming examples inspired by the field trip.

## *Summary of Little Blue Truck:*

Big Yellow Dump is in danger  
Relying on the kindness of strangers

When Friendly little Blue  
And his barnyard crew

Help Dump escape from the muck  
And the yuck

## *Observing the Goodnight Moon garden:*

Goodnight Plant  
Goodnight Ant

Goodnight Flower  
Goodnight Tower

Goodnight Big Trees  
Goodnight Little Bees



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Other types of poetry that you may consider.

## Free form:

- Appeals to senses
- Stirs imagination
- Has meaning and rythme

## Haiku - ( 3 lines, counting beats, 5-7-5):

One - l eaf - rides - the - wind  
Quick - as - I - am - it's - quick - er  
Just - be - yond - my - grasp

## Acrostic (1st letters spell a word):

**K**ingly  
**I**ncredible  
**N**urturing  
**D**elightful

Be creative. Be silly. Be kind. Have fun!

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A couple more...

Two Voices: Write poem in 3 columns.

<i>Voice 1</i>	<i>Both Voices</i>	<i>Voice 2</i>
<b>Fireflies</b>		
<b>glimmering</b>		<b>fireflies</b>
		<b>gleaming</b>
<b>glowing</b>		
	<b>Insect calligraphers</b>	

Word Mesh:  
(Explained in next slides)

<i>Article, Qualifier, or Number</i>	<i>Adjective</i>	<i>Noun</i>	<i>Verb</i>	<i>Where? When? Why? How? Of? From?</i>



# Word Mesh Poetry

## Getting started

1. Brainstorm and make a list of adjectives (words that describe)
2. Brainstorm and make a list of verbs (action words)
3. Choose a theme for your poem
4. Make a list of nouns (people, places, things, feelings)
5. Create these columns on a sheet of paper:

<i>Article, Qualifier, or Number</i>	<i>Adjective</i>	<i>Noun</i>	<i>Verb</i>	<i>Where? When? Why? How? Of? From?</i>





# Word Mesh Poetry

## Finishing

1. Pick a noun to enter on the first line.
2. Select one or two of your adjectives and one verb and enter those words on the first line.
3. Add an article, qualifier, or number when needed.
4. Finish the line with details that would give the reader interesting and important information.
5. Repeat the process on the next line.



# Word Mesh Poetry

## Example

<i>Article, Qualifier, or Number</i>	<i>Adjective</i>	<i>Noun</i>	<i>Verb</i>	<i>Where? When? Why? How? Of? From?</i>
A	bewildered	log	crashes	from its home
One, two, three...	rude	bugs	delight	in the anticipation of lunch
The	silent	decomposition	begins	
	Velvety	dirt	envelops	their dinner table (and)
A	creative	ground	swallows	the entire space
	familiar	life	explodes	when a seed stops by
(and) an	anxious	sprout	seeks	the elusive sunlight



# Grab a Pen & Get Started!

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Be kind. Have fun!

