

Literacy Task 2

Acrostic poetry

An acrostic poem is a type of poetry where the first, last or other letters in a line spell out a particular word or phrase.

The most common and simple form of an acrostic poem is where the first letters of each line spell out the word or phrase for example:

Word: SPRING

Sunny days

Plants awakening

Raindrops on the roof

Interesting clouds

New flowers

Gray skies

A less common and slightly more difficult type of an acrostic poem is where the last letter of each line spells out the word or phrase.

Word: STAR

Shines and twinkles

In the night

There is a plethora

Forever and ever

A less common and slightly more difficult type of an acrostic poem is where the last letter of each line spells out the word or phrase.

Word: SPORTS

Football and basketballs

Umpires and refs

Defending your goal

Scoring goals

A real Team effort

Crowd goes wild

Follow these five easy steps to create your own acrostic poem:

1. Pick a topic of your choice to write about.
2. Decide which type of acrostic poem you are going to use and write your word down *vertically*.
3. Brainstorm words or phrases that describe your idea.
4. Use your brainstormed words or phrases to fill in the lines that feature the same letters.
5. Fill in the rest of the lines to create a poem.

All lines of your poem must relate to your word of choice. Give yourself a challenge and have a go!