

Acrostic Poetry

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What is an Acrostic Poem?

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.

Example – An acrostic poem using the beginning of lines

A n acrostic poem
C reates a challenge
R andom words on a theme
O r whole sentences that rhyme
S elect your words carefully
T o form a word from top to bottom
I s the aim of this poetry style
C hoose a word then go!

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.

Example - An acrostic poem using the end of lines

Just woken up, I'm famished! Fancy a banan A
Oh dear, none in the fruit bowl. Wish I could do magi C
Like Harry Potter. Over there I do see a pea R
That's boring. How about sausages and mashed potat O?
Check the fridge - there's only mouldy cheese and two grape S
Even with my skills, I can't make much with tha T
What I really want is sweeties, shame there's only a kiw I
Phew, food dilemma over. I've been invited to a picnic C!

Finally, the more difficult type is where letters in the middle of the acrostic spell out the word or phrase.

Example - An acrostic poem using the middle of the lines

Fancy Writing A poem?
Pi C k a topic of your choice
You can w R ite about anything
Let y O ur imagination run wild
Choo S e the right words
Writing your T houghts on paper
Nothing is I mpossible
Be C reative!