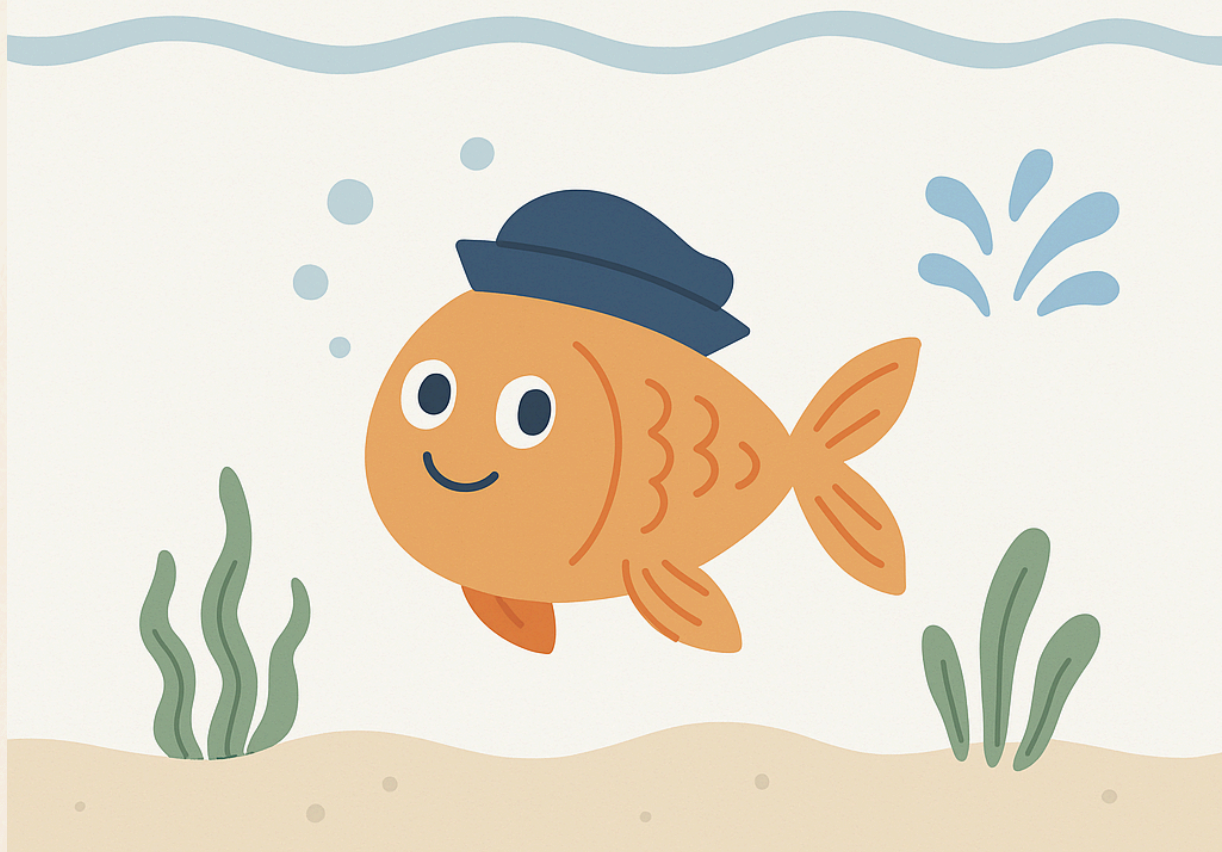




Sestina Practice

Medium
Level

A SILLY SEA DAY



Instructions for Poets:

Complete this sestina by filling in the missing stanzas. Remember to use all six end words in the order given.

Sestina Practice: Level Medium



Theme – A Silly Sea Day

Six End Words:

Word 1: fish

Word 2: hat

Word 3: splash

Word 4: sand

Word 5: sun

Word 6: giggle

Instructions: These are playful, sensory, and super visual — easy to grasp and fun to repeat! In this example, the first, third, fourth and sixth stanzas and the envoi have been completed. Challenge yourself to complete the second and fifth stanza. You will find my completed sestina, 'The Day the Fish Wore a Hat,' under the Reference Materials section in the Poet's Playground.

Sestina: “The Day the Fish Wore a Hat”

I saw the silliest little fish—
it wore a bright and bouncy hat!
It gave a wiggle, then a splash,
and flopped right up onto the sand,
then blinked three times up at the sun
and made a high-pitched, bubbly giggle.

(Write your own Second Stanza: Remember to use all six keywords in the following order: Word 6, Word 1, Word 5, Word 2, Word 4 and Word 3)

We built a moat with one big splash
and laughed until our cheeks would giggle.
We jumped and danced across the sand,
me and my friend, the talking fish.
It straightened up its fancy hat
and gave a bow beneath the sun.

The clouds rolled softly past the sun.
We heard a wave give one more splash.
The fish held tight its tilted hat
and gave a final fishy giggle.
Then waved goodbye, my new friend fish,
and wriggled back beneath the sand.

(Write your own Fifth Stanza: Remember to use all six keywords in the following order: Word 4, Word 5, Word 1, Word 3, Word 6 and Word 2)



I ran and grabbed my beachy hat
and dropped it gently on the sand.
We spun and twirled and shared a giggle
beneath the giggle-loving sun.
Then made another mighty splash—
me and my friend, the dapper fish.

The sun went down, the fish waved splash!
I tipped my hat with one last giggle—
then left a trail in sandy fish.

**Extra bonus: Write your own envoi.
Remember to use all six end words
but you can choose any order.**



Silly Sea Poet! Badge



Cut out your badge and wear it with pride!
You earned this for writing a sestina full of
sea-sational creativity.

You can:

- Tape it to your shirt or journal -
- Glue it to your poetry folder -
- Hang it on the wall of fame!

