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How to Write an Acrostic Poem

What is an Acrostic?

Acrostics are a fun poetic form that anyone can write. They have just a few simple rules, and this lesson will teach you how to create acrostic poems of your own.

To begin with, an acrostic is a poem in which the first letters of each line spell out a word or phrase. The word or phrase can be a name, a thing, or whatever you like. When children write acrostics, they will often use their own first name, or sometimes the first name of a friend.

Usually, the first letter of each line is capitalized. This makes it easier to see the word spelled out vertically down the page.

Acrostics are easy to write because they don't need to rhyme, and you don't need to worry about the rhythm of the lines. Each line can be as long or as short as you want it to be.

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Flames flicker in the bonfire
I watch the sparks fly up
Rockets zoom into the night
Everywhere the smell of smoke
Waiting for the next explosion
Ooh...Ahhh...Wow!
Roaring crowds of onlookers
Kaleidoscope of colours
Seems to go on forever

What nouns/
verbs/ adjectives
can you see here?

Can you spot an
example of
alliteration?

What's your
favourite line?
Why?

Enormous feeder

Loyal minder

Earth remover

Power lifter

Handy blaster

Alarming trumpeter

Nimble rammer

Thunder maker



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I can analyse acrostic poems.

Remember, there are three poems for you to look at!

- What do you like about the poem?
- Is there anything you don't like or that you'd do differently? Why?
- Which is your favourite line? Why?
- *When you're finished:* which acrostic poem did you think was the best? Why?