

A Collection Of Poems: We Learn To Write An Acrostic Poem

What is an Acrostic Poem?

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. Usually, the first letter of each line is capitalised. 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!!

Creating an Acrostic in Five Easy Steps

To create an acrostic, follow these five easy steps:

- 1 Decide what to write about.
- 2 Write your word down *VERTICALLY*.
- 3 Brainstorm words or phrases that describe your idea.
- 4 Place your brainstormed words or phrases on the lines that begin with the same letters.
- 5 Fill in the rest of the lines to create a poem.

Now let me show you how to follow these steps.

1. Deciding what to write about

The first step is to decide what you would like to write an acrostic poem about. I recommend that you start by writing an acrostic based on your name or on your favourite thing, whatever that happens to be. It doesn't matter if your favourite thing is soccer, video games, chocolate, music, pizza, movies, or anything else.

2. Write your word down VERTICALLY

For example, I especially like ice cream, so I decided to write an acrostic about ice cream. Begin by writing the word "ICE CREAM" down the page like this:

I
C
E
C
R
E
A
M

3. Brainstorm words or phrases which describe your idea

Next, you want to say something about ice cream in each line. A good way to do this is to “brainstorm” lots of ideas. I wrote down a list of all the ice cream flavours I could think of, including chocolate, strawberry, raspberry and others.

4. Place your brainstormed words or phrases on the lines that begin with the same letters.

Then I put them in a list wherever they would fit, like this:

Ice Cream

I

Cookies and Cream

English Toffee

Chocolate Cake

Raspberry

E

Almond Fudge

M

You’ll notice that I didn’t fill in all of the lines. That’s because I couldn’t think of a flavour that started with “I” and I could only think of one flavour that started with “E.” Also, I thought I would do something different with the last line, to make it an ending for the poem, rather than just another flavour.

5. Fill in the rest of the lines to create a poem.

Finally, I filled in the missing lines, like this:

Ice Cream

I love every flavour.

Cookies and Cream.

English Toffee.

Chocolate Cake.

Raspberry

Even Strawberry and

Almond Fudge.

Mmmmmmm.

Now, just as you can write acrostics about things you *like*, you can also write them about things you *don't like*, such as chores, homework, and so on. Here is an example acrostic about homework.

Homework Acrostic

Begin by writing the word "HOMEWORK" down the page:

H
O
M
E
W
O
R
K

Next, brainstorm as many words and phrases as you can think of. Here are some I came up with:

- Reading for hours
- Writing
- I'd rather be watching TV
- Hard to do
- Not my favourite thing
- Every day
- Makes me go crazy
- Overwhelming

Notice that some of these words and phrases begin with the letters in the word "homework." I put these ones in where I saw they would go:

Homework

Hard to do
Overwhelming
M
Every day
Writing
O
Reading for hours
K

Finally, I found a way to fill in the rest of the words, and even give it an ending. Here is the finished acrostic:

Homework

Hard to do and sometimes
Overwhelming,
My teacher gives us homework
Every single day!
Writing for hours
Or
Reading for hours.
Kids need a break!

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Here are a few things to remember as you begin writing your own acrostics:

- 1 Acrostics can be about *anything!*
- 2 Names are a common topic. Try writing one using your best friend's name and giving it to him or her as a gift.
- 3 You can use single words, phrases, or even full sentences in your acrostic poem.

Finally, remember, acrostic poems are one of the easiest and most fun ways to create poems of your own. Give it a try and see what you can come up with.