

Types of poetry to write: a blueprint to writing poetry

You may select any of the following types of poetry to write in this assignment or you may write your own style-as long as it is poetry.

Simple Poetry:

Five word poems: the simplest form!

Line one is a noun
Line two is three adjectives describing the noun
Line three ends with the same noun.

Fire
Flaming, intense, mysterious
Fire

Stretch poems: a bit more than the five word poem!

The only difference between this poem and the five word poem is the number of adjectives between the nouns.

Fire,
Flaming, intense, mysterious, warming, thawing, colorful, dancing
Fire

Medium Challenge Poetry:

Cinquains: it too, is only five lines!

Line one is a noun.
Line two contains two adjectives describing the noun.
Line three is made up of three verbs containing the suffix *-ing*.
Line four contains a phrase about the noun.
Line five is either a noun which is a synonym of line one **OR** it is another adjective.

Waterfall
Thunderous, refreshing
Cascading, pounding, spilling
Cool mist that escapes upward
Overflowing river

Diamante: just a bit more-this one is seven lines!

Lines 1, 2, and 3 are the same as in a cinquain.

Line 4 contains four nouns. The first two go with the noun in line 1 and the second 2 go with the noun in line 7 which is the opposite (antonym) of the noun in line one.

Line 5 contains three verbs just like line three but these verbs describe the noun that is in line 7.

Line six is made up of two adjectives which describe the noun in line 7.

Line 7 is, obviously, a noun which is an opposite of the noun in line 1.

This is a fun poem where two opposite nouns work their way toward each other!

Spaceflight
Fast, forceful
Energizing, investigating, amazing
Shuttle, technology, lake, sails
Drifting, gliding, splashing
gentle, tranquil
Boating

Higher Level Poetry:

Sense poems: how do you feel about things?

Sense poems all start with the following lines:

I see

I hear

I feel

I smell

I touch

Once you have written the line of poetry, the *I see*, *I hear*, *I feel*, *I smell*, and *I touch* are removed from the poem leaving a nice effect.

I see the rolling white topped water

I hear the crashing sound of the pounding waves

I feel the pull of the water as it retreats to rejoin the rest of the sea

I smell crisp, clean, salty air blowing against me

I touch jagged rocks that I climb to gain a better view of this perfection

The Coast

The rolling white topped water
Crashing sounds of the pounding waves
The pull of the water as it retreats to rejoin the rest of the sea
Crisp, clean, salty air blowing against me
Jagged rocks that I climb to gain a better view of this perfection

Like poems: great for describing!

Each line of a like poem begins with the phrase:

Like a

The poem may be as long as you like. Each line is completed with a description of something that is related to the topic you have chosen.

The Shade Tree

Like arms that reach out to surround me
Like a tower that stretches into the clouds
Like a ladder waiting to be climbed
Like a pleasant invitation on a hot summer day
Like the coolness of a dark forest
Like a giant waving in the distance
Like a colorful rainbow in the fall
Like a centerpiece of nature