

# 25 Types of Poetry

## -ing poems

line 1: subject is one word or a short sentence

line 2-10 words with ing

Cold Weather

Blowing

Snowing

Freezing

Misting



## Acrostic Poem

Use the letters of the word to write the word downward and use a word or words for your poem.

**R** eading and exploring new worlds.

**E** xciting new conflicts

**A** nd Page turning cliffhangers.

**D** rop everything and grab a book.

## Haiku

Line 1: 5 syllables

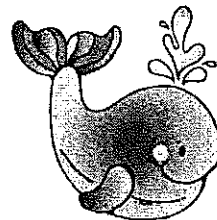
Line 2: 7 syllables

Line 3: 5 syllables

The sky is so blue.

It looks like blue, blue water.

I love to watch clouds.



## Listing Poems

Line 1: topic of poem

Line 2-10 words that describe the topic word.

## Mother

Kind

Cares

Cooks

Cleans

Loving



## Fill in Blanks Poems

\_\_\_\_\_ are red

\_\_\_\_\_ are blue,

\_\_\_\_\_ is sweet,

And so is \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Couplets

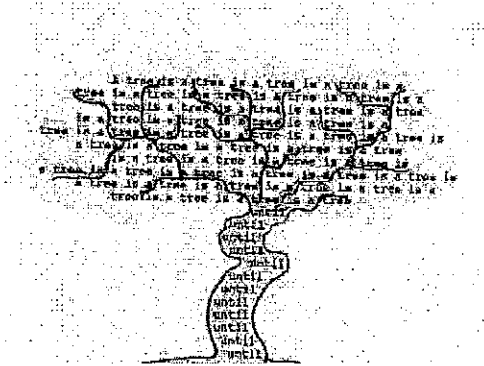
Two lines with ending words that rhyme.

### My Grandmother

My grandmother sits in her wheel chair,  
Looking out the window while she sits there.

## Concrete Poetry

Draw a picture and write your poem on it. Your poem follows the shape to help make the picture.



## Tercet

Three lines with the first two rhyming.

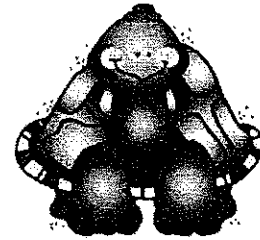
The old woman wrinkled her toes,  
As she swatted a fly on her nose.  
Then she kept rocking in her chair.

## Cinquian

Line 1: subject  
Line 2: describes subject  
Line 3: action words about the subject  
Line 4: feelings about the subject  
Line 5: synonym for the subject

### Best Friend

cheerful, truthful  
e-mailing, calling, eating  
friend for 20 years  
best bud



## Good Poem/Bad Poem

Choose a favorite person,  
animal or thing to write abc



### Good Cat, Bad Cats

My cat meows quietly,  
While he claws the furniture.  
My cat walks softly,  
As he tries to scratch me.

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## Place Poem

This poem takes a small part and describes it.

### A Desert in Arizona

Cactus

Scorpion

Heat

Dry

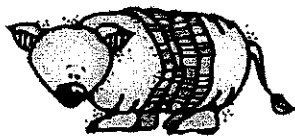
Dusty

Armadillo

Javelina

Rattle Snake

Caynon



## Lunes

Line 1: five syllables

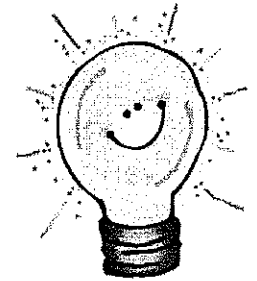
Line 2: three syllables

Line 3: five syllables

The night is scary.

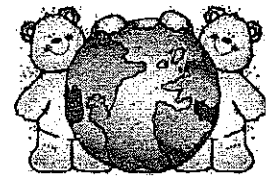
It is dark.

I like my night light!



## Earth Poems

Poems about saving the earth or the plants and animals on it.



## The Earth

The earth is not quiet.

There is a hurricane in the ocean.

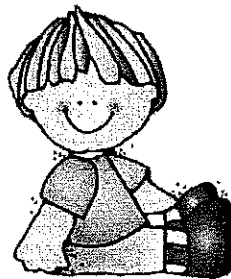
There is an earthquake down south.

The animals are running

The plants are trembling.

## I Remember Poems

Write a list of things that is remembered about a person, place or thing.



### MOTHER

I remember my mother.

I remember her dark hair and smile.

I remember her whispering to me to be quiet when we went to the library.

I remember her singing sweet lullabies as I drifted off to sleep.

## Chant

A poem that repeats certain words over and over (to be read aloud).

My cat can spring

My cat can spring in

My cat can spring in the

My cat can spring in the air!

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## Group Poems

Write poems with your class.

- Choose a topic
- write some neat words to go with the topic
- write sentences about the topic

(free verse)



## Question Poetry

Choose a topic and write questions about it. It can be rhyming or free verse. Flower

Oh, Flower

Why are you drooping?

Why are your leaves hanging down?

Why do you look so dry?

Did someone forget to water you?

## Poems set with Music

- Choose a topic
- Choose a song
- Write poem and set to music (Skip to my Lou, Row row row your boat, Are you sleeping, etc.)

## Noun/Adjective Poems

Trees,

Trees,

Trees,

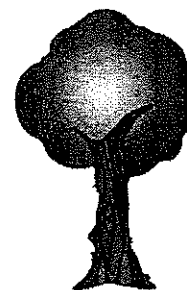
Green Trees,

Large Tall Trees,

Long tree branches,

Strong leaves waving in the wind,

Fantastic Trees.



## Clerihew

A humorous poem contained in four lines with a-a-b-b-  
The first two lines rhyme and the second two lines rhyme.



One second grade teacher down the hall,  
Was afraid to play with a bat and ball.  
Once a ball hit her in the knee,  
And now she hides quietly behind a tree.

## Subject Poetry

Choose any subject to write about. Just make a list of things about it.

### Vacation

Packing a bag

Putting gas in the car

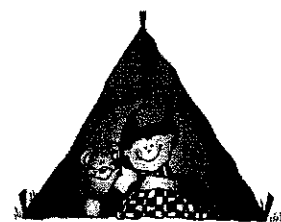
Eating out

Seeing friends

Visiting relatives

Coming home

Unpacking



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## I used.....to but now

Things that you used to not like,  
but now do like.

I used to hate brocoli,  
But now I like it.

I used to hate making long trips,  
But now I enjoy traveling.

I used to hate cold weather,  
But now I like being chilly.

## Color Poetry

Choose a color and describe it or  
list things that color.

### Green

Green comes from trees standing  
tall and straight.

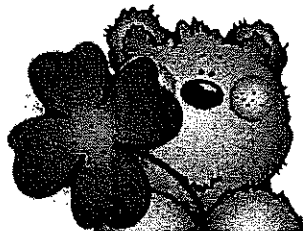
Green as jello.

Green for St. Patrick's Day.

Green is for Christmas.

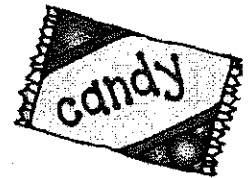
Green is the color of my bedroom.

Green is my favorite color.



## Buddy Poetry

Two students get together and  
discuss their favorite kinds of  
candy or one they both like then  
write sentences about it.



### Crunch

It taste like chocolate and cereal.

It melts in your mouth.

It tingles your tummy.

It doesn't last very long.

I need a drink of water.

## Five W's Poetry

Who?

What?

When?

Where?

Why?

