

What is an acrostic poem?

An **acrostic poem** is a type of **poetry** where the first, last or other letters in a line spell out a particular word or phrase. The most common and simple form of an **acrostic poem** is where the first letters of each line spell out the word or phrase.

Each line can have as many words as you want. It is a very simple way to write poetry, as you don't have to worry about rhyme, or much else.

Let's have a go at an acrostic poem. SPORT

**S**aturday morning  
**P**eople getting ready for the big game  
**O**utside in the rain or sunshine  
**R**aring to go  
**T**eam work is what it's all about.

Have a go at writing your own acrostic poem using the name of the sport you play. Netball? Rugby? Soccer? Hockey?

You could write an acrostic poem for yourself or someone special in your life. Finish the one below.

**G**orgeous smile  
**R**  
**A**musing  
**N**eat and tidy house  
**D**  
**M**  
**A**

Now see how clever you are. Write a mask poem. What is a mask poem?  
*A mask poem is written from an object's perspective/point of view.*

Write a mask poem as if you were the ball, goal post, boots, or something else used in sport. How would it/they feel? Battered, used, useful?