

Formula Poem Anthology



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ACRONYM DEFINITION- AN ABBREVIATION FORMED FROM THE INITIAL LETTERS OF A SERIES OF WORDS. (SPARKLIST)

ACRONYM POEM-

JIVES THROUGH SINGING
AND DANCING.
READS AND
EATS MOST ANYTHING.
DA' GIRLS SEEM

HARD AGAINST HIM
EVERY TIME HE TRIES TO DATE 'EM.
"NO" IS WHAT THEY NEVER SAY. BUT THOSE
DAMES ALWAYS FADE AWAY.
REASON SAYS HE'LL FIND HIS GIRL
IN A 50 YEARS OR MAYBE A DAY.
CAKES, LOTS OF FOOD, LOVE, DANCING, SINGING AND
KISSING.
SOONER OR LATER HE'LL FIND WHAT HE'S BEEN MISSING.



An Apology Poem: can be humorous (such as sarcastically apologizing for something you're actually glad you did) or very sensitive and genuine (such as apologizing to a friend or loved one for hurting them).

To Myself
by Arik Durfee

I'm sorry for not living up to your expectations.
I know how disappointing that must be.

I'm sorry for beating you up over insignificant mistakes.
I know how insecure that makes you feel.

I'm sorry for biting off more than I can chew.
I know how much stress that must cause you.

I'm sorry for keeping you up so late at night.
I know how miserable it makes you in the morning.

I'm sorry for being such a social klutz.
I know how awkward it makes you feel.

I'm sorry for livings so much in the future.
I know how difficult that makes it for you to enjoy life.

I'm sorry for making rash decisions.
I know that you're the one who has to pay the consequences.

I'm trying to do better.
Please be patient with me.

Cinquain: A 5-line poem containing 22 syllables in a 2-4-6-8-2 syllable pattern. Cinquains usually describe something, but they may also tell a story.



Nieces

Bundles of joy

Sleeping, breathing softly

A beautiful new kind of love

Angels



CLERIHES

(kler-i-hyoo)

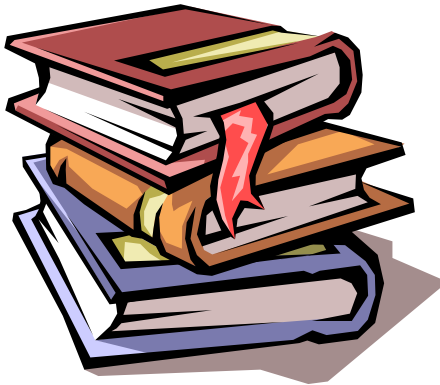
A four-line rhymed verse that describes a person.
It was invented by and named after Edmund Clerihew
Bently, a British detective writer

The Formula is this:

Line 1: The Person's name

Line 2: Rhymes with the first line

Line 3 and 4: Rhyme with each other



Ode to the English Professor

Rod Keller
Is a nice feller.
He's really quite mellow
With his paper that's yellow.

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COINING

Definition

Everyday phrases, or exaggerations, people use in conversation to let others know what something or someone is like.

Examples

1. Looking at the world through rose colored glasses.

Meaning: Having a positive outlook on life

2. Go fly a kite.

Meaning: Get lost

3. It's so hot outside you could fry an egg on the sidewalk.

Meaning: It's a very hot day.

4. A wolf in sheep's clothing.

Meaning: Someone bad person who disguises themselves as good.

5. She's walking on cloud nine.

Meaning: She is elated.

6. He works like a dog.

Meaning: He is persistent and gets the job done.

Since *she's walking on cloud nine*

She *looking at the world through rose colored glasses*

Even though *it's so hot outside you could fry and egg on the sidewalk.*

Usually *she works like a dog*

But since she met that *wolf in sheep's clothing*

She has *neither rhyme nor reason.*

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Color Poems

Students begin each line of their poems with a color. The same color may be repeated in each line, or a different color may be used (Koch 1970).

Red as an apple,
Orange as a sunset,
Yellow as a petal on a flower,
Green as fresh cut grass,
Blue as deep water,
Purple as fins on a fish,
These are nature's rainbows,

Creating Word

Definition: Make up a word and create a poem either describing it or defining it.



Disalgebrexia

You've heard of dyslexia;
The disease of the brain.
You've heard of anorexia;
The eating disorder plain.

But disalgebrexia is a disease
That plagues many students
In algebra that say: "Please!
Help my ignorance!"

The inability to learn algebra
Is something we've all felt.
Hopefully we can find a cure
Before our brains all melt!

DIAMANTE

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Diamantes is a flexible form of poetry for student writers. Personal topics that may be difficult to cover in other forms are easier to cover with diamantes. The material the poem covers helps reduce the intimidation that may occur because of the structure of the poem.

The Addiction

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Fast Intense

Running shooting hiding searching
will always be long

Understanding Listening Considering

Calm Confused

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FOUND POEMS

Students create "Found Poems" by using words and phrases from other sources. This can be done by taking powerful words from newspaper articles, song lyrics, and stories to create their poems.



The following poem was created by using chapter 5 from Mary Shelly's
Frankenstein.

**DREARY NIGHT OF NOVEMBER
ANXIETY AMOUNTED TO AGONY.
BEAUTIFUL!
GLIMMER OF HALF-EXTINGUISHED
LIGHT.**

**YELLOW SKIN. TEETH OF PEARLY
WHITENESS
INFUSING LIFE INTO AN INANIMATE
BODY.**

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Free-Form Poetry

In free-form poems, the author puts words and phrases together to express a thought or tell a story, without concern for rhyme, meter, or other patterns.

Reflection While on a Snowmobile by Scott Allen

Golden aspens,
maples,
and black wood
enlightened
by the late day warmth.
Peeking through
wisps
of the old mountain's beard and hair.
Something dark
dwells inside these halls
and paints
spots
throughout the range-
Pockets of cold
color blind
dark-
Shades of a time
soon to fall.
Evening and sunset
are to come.
But now
I am
the watcher, you could say,
the onlooker
to the dying days of the
sun's mountain kingdom.



“If I Were . . .” Poems

With these poems the person tells about how they would feel and what they would do if they were something else. They can imagine being anything from animals to an everyday object to something you feel.

Examples – a Tyrannosaurus Rex, a hamburger, or
sunshine



If I were a butterfly
I would be very colorful
And from flower to flower I could fly.
I could go where ever I wanted
And spend my days above the world.

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If I Were in Charge of the World

Students write poems in which they describe what they would do if they could change the world. Judith Viorst's poem "If I were in charge of the world" is the model for this poetic form. Kids are usually eager to imagine their perfect world. This poetic form is usually free verse.

If I were in charge of the world

By Mike Cherniske

If I were in charge of the world
Movies would be a requirement like church,
Steak really is what would be for dinner,
And comic books would be the new text books.
If I were in charge, or when, if all goes well (Evil laugh),
My wife's job wouldn't suck, I would find a good one
And they would both pay per effort, not hour.
My mom and I would get along,
My dad might be a little cooler
And all my siblings would want to be like me.
If I were in charge, bad days would be gone
And be replaced by "semi-good" days. After all,
Even in a perfect world, we need a little bit of contrast.




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Invitation Poems

Invitations call for someone to go to a magical and beautiful place, where amazing things happen. The poem must also include colors and sounds.

Fishing Creek

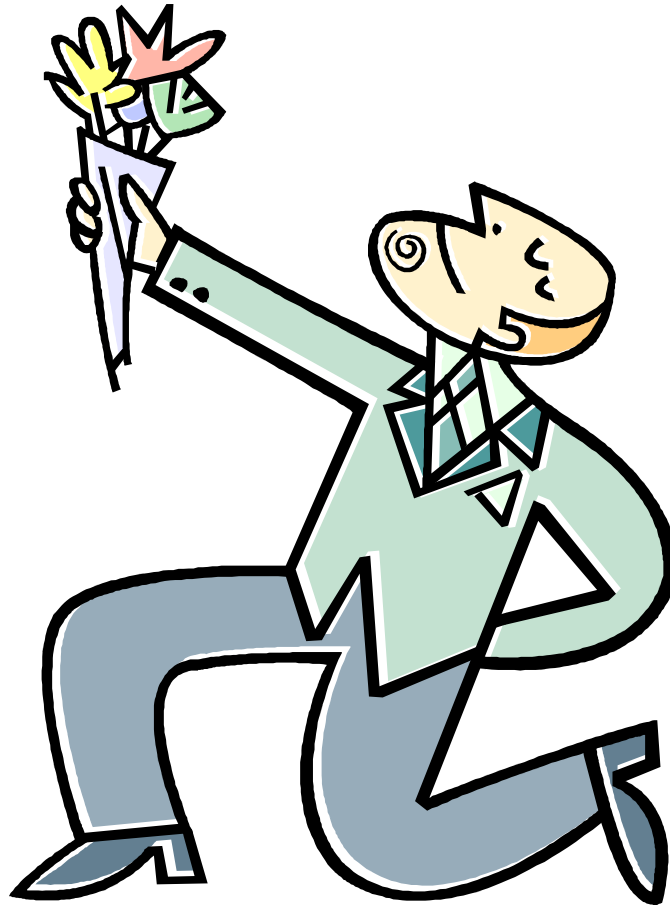
A photograph of a sunset over a grassy field with a wooden fence in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The grass is a vibrant green, and the wooden fence is made of dark, weathered logs.

*Follow me to a quiet place,
Where purple shadows rule
Over the whispering waves of grass.
There, no one bothers the thinking mind,
And cares are swept away.
Follow me, as just-set suns
Quiet iridescent shimmers.
We can hide away in the dying light
By the silent rush of water.*

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Poetry Anthology

“I used to.../But now...”

In this form of poetry every odd line begins with the words “I used to,” and every even line with the words “But now.” This is used to contrast what was known to what has been learned, or past actions with present actions.



What She Teaches Me

I used to think you beautiful,
But now I think you beauty.
I used to contrast you to love,
But now I compare love to you.
I used to just say “You I love,”
But now I know you love me too.

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“I Wish” Poems

To begin an “I Wish” poem start each line of your poem with the words “I Wish” and then complete the line with a wish.

I wish that I could fly
I wish I had a million dollars
I wish I was done with school
I wish I didn't have to clean my home
I wish I could get straight A's
I wish I was never hungry
I wish I was in the Caribbean

After that experience choose one of your wishes and expand on the idea in several more lines.

I Wish

I wish that I could fly
I would fly around the world
I would never have to walk or drive again
I would never feel exhausted at the end of the day
I would visit my family every week
Maybe tonight I will get my wish
While I'm asleep, freely dreaming
Flying



Lie Poems

In these poems, nothing is true. Each line is an exaggeration or nonsense, however, there must be a unifying element throughout, like a continued story, character, or motif. One must be sure to distinguish (especially to younger students) the difference between a “bad” lie and a fanciful “hindrance of the truth.”

My sister is a fairy hatched from a robin’s egg.
Her name is Penelope.
Once, when she was 782,
A green ladybug with pink spots swallowed her whole.
She tickled its liver until it sneezed her out...
All of her but the wings
(she is a fairy you know)!

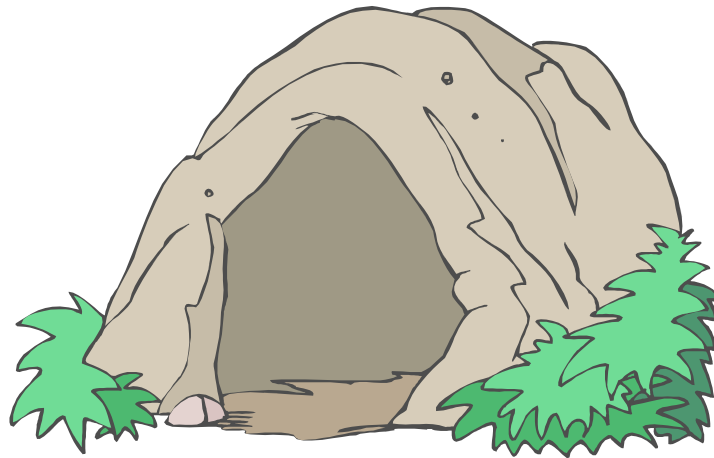
The ladybug happened to be of the fairy-wing-eating
species.

Now, because Penelope has no wings,
She travels around on her flying bed with brass knobs
Every morning at 6 a.m.

In order to wake every “old” person over 50.
That is why Mrs. Wilkes is in her garden at the crack of
dawn.

Limerick

The limerick is a form of light verse that uses both rhyme and rhythm. The poem consists of five lines. The first, second, and fifth lines rhyme, while the third and fourth lines rhyme with each other and are shorter than the other three lines. The rhyme scheme is a-a-b-b-a. Often the last line contains a funny or surprise ending.



CAVER DAVE

There was an explorer name Dave.
He found himself trapped in a cave!
He let out a cry
Thought he would die---
He no longer felt very brave.

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Picture Poem

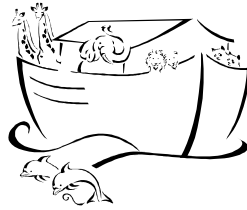
Definition – When a picture or photograph or painting is used to inspire the writing of a poem, or when a picture is used to illustrate, visually, the meaning of the poem. Useful for students who are more literal minded, and are concerned more with the outward appearance of things.

The White Tower

The lonely waves lap up against the lonely beach
A silent tower of stone is the only inhabitant,
Visited only by the wind.
Once used as beacon, a light
It still stands, empty with dark windows
Stone bleached by the salt spray
A slight contrast to the pale beach and gray sky
Easily forgotten and hard to remember.

Prayers from the Ark

“Prayers from the Ark” is a form poem written in the view point of an animal. Assume the role of an animal on Noah’s Ark as the animal prays to God, questioning His existence and thanking Him for His mercies.



Song of the Snake

Sweet saving Lord,
Suppose Noah didn't save me...
Surrounded by water—all alone—
Swept up by the water's current; I know thy
Support would sustain me.
Surreal is thy love and
Suppressed have been my feelings as a
Snake, a steadfast signal of a single soldier, misunderstood by
the world.
Slithering by man and beast, I thank thee for thy mercies.

Jessica Lahaderne

TANKA

A Japanese verse containing 31 syllables arranged in 5 lines of 5-7-5-7-7. Very similar to a haiku except there are two additional lines of 7 syllables each added.



**See the sun now shines
Snow melts from across the trees
Winter fades away
Enjoy smells of coming Spring
Feel the life now springing up**



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