

Practice each poem. Write a poem for each. *On a separate piece of paper write a free verse. **Must be at least 6 lines.***

Acrostic

Spell out a word on the left side of the page. Each line of the poem describes something about that word.

Example:

Out on the water
Cruising over the waves,
Every man feels this mystery.
A great roaring power.
Nothing is as mighty as the sea.

Diamante

The text of this poem is printed in the shape of a diamond.

Line 1: Use a noun or subject.

Line 2: Use two adjectives

Line 3: Use three 'ing words

Line 4: Use four words about subject

Line 5: Use three 'ing words

Line 6: Use two adjectives

Line 7: Use a synonym for the subject

Example:

Ocean
Deep, Blue
Crashing, Blowing, Turning
A Home for the Whales
Rolling, Roaring, Raging
Dark, Mysterious
The Sea

Haiku

This Japanese form of poetry is composed of 17 syllables on 3 lines. A haiku is usually about nature. **Write two.**

Line 1: 5 Syllables

Line 2: 7 Syllables

Line 3: 5 Syllables

Example:

A beautiful sea,
Waves crashing against the sand,
A day at the beach.

Couplet

This is a poem with rhyming lines.

Include at least 6 lines

Example:

The ocean is the place to be,
I never can have too much of the sea!
The sand in your feet,
Such a great place to meet.
Bring all your friends.
Just don't forget to bring your odds and ends.

Limerick:

Made up of five lines. Lines one, two, and five rhyme. Third and fourth lines rhyme. Scheme AABBA.

Quatrains

Four line poem that follows one of the four different rhyme schemes. **Write two poems.**
AABB, ABAB, ABBA, ABCB