

FIVE SENSES POEM

**Describe a topic with each of the five senses.
Your topic could include emotions or concepts.
Add colour words and a comparison.**

It smells like . . .
It tastes like . . .
It sounds like . . .
It feels like . . .
It looks like . .

Five Senses Poem Example #1

Anger is a red flame burning brightly against a black sky.
It smells like ash from a raging fire.
It tastes like bitter vinegar.
It sounds like drums pounding in my temples.
It feels like a steel band around my chest, tightening, stopping my breath.
It looks like the chaos of a storm.

Five Senses Poem Example #2

Winter smells like chimney smoke.
Winter tastes like ice.
Winter looks like heaven.
Winter feels like a deepfreeze.
Winter sounds like a howling wolf.

HAIKU

A Japanese poetic form consisting of 17 syllables arranged in 3 lines: 5-7-5.
Haiku poems deal with nature and present a clear sensory image. It is a concise form, much like a telegram. Haikus are usually written in the present tense.

Haiku Example #1

Against the bright sky
stones glow where strong arms place them
to say "Remember".

Haiku Example #2

New Year's Dawn

tidal ebb and flow
silver moon to golden glow
dawn of a new year

Haiku Example #3

Awakening

Silver dawn awakes
the new day is born again
innocent and fresh

CINQUAIN

A cinquain is a five line poem containing 22 syllables in a 2-4-6-8-2 syllable pattern.

Cinquain poems usually describe something but they may also tell a story.

line 1 - 2 syllables

line 2 - 4 syllables

line 3 - 6 syllables

line 4 - 8 syllables

line 5 - 2 syllables

Cinquain Example #1

Oshun Annik

Oceans
hidden secrets
are a living wonder
for those who take time to open
their eyes.

Cinquain Example #2

Homeless
Cold, painful, hard.
Life becomes a struggle.
Place without mercy.
Unkind.

CLERIHEW

A clerihew is four lined rhymed verse that describes a person.

It often pokes gentle fun at the subject.

Clerihew Example #1

N'Sync

Stink.

Their music hurts my ears.

I much prefer Britney Spears.

Clerihew Example #2

The enemy of Harry Potter

Was a scheming plotter.

I can't tell you what he's called; I'd be ashamed

To name "he who must not be named."

Clerihew Example #3

Johann Sebastian Bach

Was fond of saying "Ach!"

And instead of saying "Guten Morgen"

He played the Toccata and Fugue on the organ!

DIAMANTE

The diamante is fun and easy to write. The purpose is to go from the subject at the top of the diamond to another totally different (and sometimes opposite) subject at the bottom. The structure is:

line 1 - one noun (subject #1)

line 2 - two adjectives (describing subject #1)

line 3 - three participles (ending in -ing, telling about the subject #1)

line 4 - four nouns (first two related to the subject #1, second two related to subject #2)

line 5 - three participles (ending in -ing, telling about subject #2)

line 6 - two adjectives (describing subject #2)

line 7 - one noun (subject #2)

Light and Darkness

Light
Clear, brilliant
Glowing, shining, revealing
Mirror, candle . . . Whisper, shadow
Deepening, sleeping, shrouding
Black, quiet
Darkness

Lion and Lamb

Lion
Majestic, proud
Roaring, snarling, prowling
Mane, muscle . . . Fleece, fluff
Bleating, leaping, grazing
Meek, gentle
Lamb

LIMERICK

A poem of five lines with a rhyming pattern of AABBA.
It is usually, but not always, light or humorous.

The number of syllables per line are often distributed as follows:

Line 1 – 8 syllables

Line 2 – 8 syllables

Line 3 – 5 syllables

Line 4 – 5 syllables

Line 5 – 8 syllables

Limerick Example #1

There was an Old Lady whose folly
Induced her to sit in a holly;
Whereupon, by a thorn
Her dress being torn
She quickly became melancholy

Limerick Example #2

Why?

Two towers crashed down from the sky
Causing innocent people to die
Terror and war
What is it for?
I never will understand why

CONCRETE (SHAPE) POEMS

Concrete poems combine art and writing. Words, phrases and sentences can be written in the shape of an object, or word pictures can be inserted within poems that are written left-to-right and top-to-bottom.

Triangle

I
am
a very
special
shape I have
three points and
three lines straight.
Look through my words
and you will see, the shape
that I am meant to be. I'm just
not words caught in a tangle. Look
close to see a small triangle. My angles
add to one hundred and eighty degrees, you
learn this at school with your abc's. Practice your
maths and you will see, some other fine examples of me.

Concrete Poem

Example #2



QUATRAIN

A quatrain is a poem of four line stanzas following the AABB (lines 1 and 2 rhyme with each other; lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other) or ABAB (lines 1 and 3 rhyme; lines 2 and 4 rhyme) rhyming pattern. ABBA and ABCB are other possible rhyme patterns for quatrain.

Quatrain Example #1

The lizard

The lizard is a timid thing (A)
That cannot dance or fly or sing; (A)
He hunts for bugs beneath the floor (B)
And longs to be a dinosaur. (B)

Quatrain Example #2

The rainbow

A rainbow plays in the water spray (A)
It hides in a chandelier. (B)
It always seems to find its way (A)
Through the glass when light is near. (B)

SONNET

A sonnet is a poem of 14 lines that is divided into three stanzas of four lines and one stanza of two lines. Shakespeare was well-known for his sonnets.

The rhyme scheme traditionally follows one of the following:

- 1) ABAB CDCD EFEF GG or 2) ABBA CDDC EFFE GG

Sonnet Example #1

Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou growest:
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this and this gives life to thee.

Sonnet Example #2

Star Wars #1 by Graeme King

Naboo was under siege but not done yet,
two Jedi riding shotgun for the Queen
broke through the Empire's evil starship net,
but damage forced them down on Tatooine.

They found a boy – a slave – who loved to race
and bet their ship that he would win next day,
he gunned his pod and ended in first place,
they hadn't known a Sith was on the way.

The Senate was crock – no help at all,
So Jar Jar Binks helped organize a fray
young Obi-Wan dispatched the bad Darth Maul
as Anikin flew up and saved the day.

The Jedi conquered with the swords of light
the kid would be trained to be a knight.

FREE-FORM POEMS

Free form poems put words or phrases together to express a thought or tell a story without concern for rhyme or other arrangements. The number of words on a line and use of punctuation varies.

Free-form Poem Example #1

A float in an alabaster bowl
The pale pink water lily
Opens at dawn, closes at dusk
Continuing the rhythm ,
of Lake Amakanata, her home
Mirrors the memories
My mind enfolds around you
When we are apart

Free-form Poem Example #2

Dolphins

Here I swim, with my friends.
They jump around me and flip in the air.
I am in Florida.
There is lots of different kinds of dolphin's
I am a Bottled nosed dolphin.
I slip in the water to find my prey.
My predators are sharks and some bigger
animals than me that live in the ocean.
I see something standing on land that I have seen
before.
There is a noise coming from there. I keep playing with my friends.

Free-form Poem Example #3

Song of Myself by Walt Whitman

I celebrate myself, and sing myself,
And what I assume you shall assume,
For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.
I loaf and invite my soul,
I lean and loaf at my ease observing a spear of summer grass.