

Acrostic Poem

What is an Acrostic Poem?

An acrostic poem is a type of poem that uses the first, last or other letters in a line to spell out a certain word or phrase. The most common type of acrostic poem is there where the first letter of each line spells out a word or phrase.

What is the Structure of an Acrostic Poem?

Acrostic poems are based around a particular object, or topic which can be written vertically down the page, or horizontally across the page. The most common type of acrostic poem is written vertically down the page. In common acrostic poems, each letter of the object or topic begins a new description. Acrostic poems are easy to write because the author does not need to worry about rhymes.

An Example of an Acrostic Poem:

Dolphins

Dancing through the waters in the deep blue ocean.

Over and under the waves crashing on the shore.

Lovingly playing all around the boats.

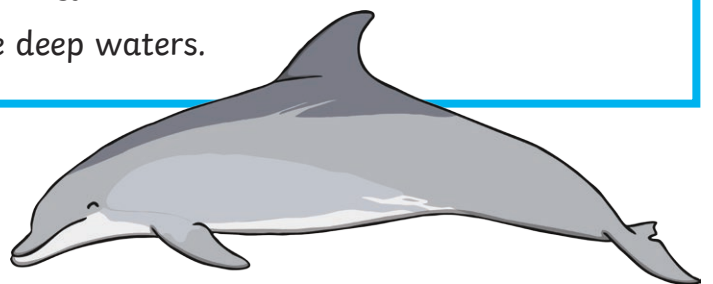
Playing with tourists on their surfboards.

Having a fin that looks like a shark's fin can be a little frightening at first.

Innocent creatures swimming carelessly around.

Not aggressive animals, they are so nice and playful and calm.

Survives by eating fish and crustacean in the deep waters.



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Before you begin writing your acrostic poem you should start by writing down different ideas that you have about your particular topic or object. Use the following template to help you with your ideas.

Choose a topic or object for your poem: _____

What are some adjectives that describe your topic or object?

What are some verbs that your topic or object does?

What are some interesting facts about your topic or object?

What will your acrostic poem look like? Draft out whether you will have your poem written vertically or horizontally. Think about which letters of each line you will use to highlight your topic or object.

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