

25 Types of Poetry

-ing poems

line 1: subject is one word or a short sentence

line 2-10 words with ing

Cold Weather
Blowing
Snowing
Freezing
Misting



Acrostic Poem

Use the letters of the word to write the word downward and use a word or words for your poem.

R eading is fun
E ven though I get sleepy
A nd want a snack-
D onuts sound good!

Haiku

Line 1: 5 syllables

Line 2: 7 syllables

Line 3: 5 syllables

The sky is so blue.
It looks like blue, blue
water.
I love to watch clouds.

Listing Poems

Line 1: topic of poem

Line 2-10 words that describe the topic word

Mother

Kind
Cares
Cooks
Cleans
Loving

Fill in Blanks Poems

----- are red
----- are blue,
----- is sweet,
And so is -----

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Place Poem

This poem takes a small part and describes it.

An Alley in Texas
Garbage cans
Bolts
Dirt
Nails
Ants
Coke cans
Broken bottles
Empty boxes
paper

I Remember Poems

Write a list of things that is remembered about a person, place or thing.

MOTHER

I remember my mother.
I remember her dark hair and smile.
I remember her whispering to me to
be quiet when we went to the library.



Lunes

Line 1: five syllables
Line 2: three syllables
Line 3: five syllables

The night is scary.
It is dark.
I like my night light!

Earth Poems

Poems about saving the earth or the plants and animals on it.

The Earth
The earth is not quiet.
There is a hurricane in the ocean.
There is an earthquake down south.
The animals are running.
The plants are trembling.

Chant

A poem that repeats certain words over and over (to be read aloud).

My cat can spring
My cat can spring in
My cat can spring in the
My cat can spring in the air!

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Group Poems

Write poems with your class.

- Choose a topic
- write some neat words to go with the topic
- write sentences about the topic (free verse)

Poems set with Music

- Choose a topic
- Choose a song
- Write poem and set to music (Skip to my lou, Are you sleeping, etc.)

Clerihew

- A humorous poem contained in four lines with a-a-b-b- The first two lines rhyme and the second two lines rhyme.

One second grade teacher down
the hall,
Was afraid to play with a bat and
ball.
Once a ball hit her in the head,
And now she hides quietly in a
shed.



Question Poetry

Choose a topic and write questions about it. It can be rhyming or free verse.

Flower
Oh, Flower
Why are you drooping?
Why are your leaves hanging down?
Why do you look so dry?
Did someone forget to water you?

Noun/Adjective Poems

Trees,
Trees,
Trees,
Green Trees,
Large Tall Trees,
Long tree branches,
Strong leaves waving in the wind,
Fantastic Trees

Subject Poetry

Choose any subject to write about. Just make a list of things about it.

Vacation
Packing a bag
Putting gas in the car
Eating out
Seeing friends
Visiting relatives
Coming home
Unpacking

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I used to. . . but Now

Things that you used to not like,
but now do like.

I used to hate brocholi,

But now I like it.

I used to hate making long trips,

But now I enjoy traveling.

I used to hate cold weather,

But now I like being chilly.

Color Poetry

Choose a color and describe it or
list things that color.

Green

Green comes from trees standing
tall and straight.

Green as jello.

Green for St. Patrick's Day.

Green is for Christmas.

Green is the color of my bedroom.

Green is my favorite color.

Five W's Poetry

Who?

What?

When?

Where?

Why?

Buddy Poetry

Two students get together and
discuss their favorite kinds of
candy or one they both like then
write sentences about it.

Crunch

It taste like chocolate and cereal.

It melts in your mouth.

It tingles your tummy.

It doesn't last very long.

I need a drink of water.

