



Acrostic Found Poetry

Found poetry is a type of poetry created by taking words, phrases, and sometimes whole passages from other sources and reframing them as poetry (a literary equivalent of a collage) by making changes in spacing and lines, or by adding or deleting text, thus imparting meaning.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Found_poetry

An **acrostic poem** is a poem where certain letters in each line spell out a word or phrase. Typically, the first letters of each line are used to spell the message, but they can appear anywhere.

Using the First Letter

CATS

Cuddly

Acrobatic

Tenacious and terrifying

Softly purring

Different Positions

POEM

Pick **uP** a pen

Think of a **tO**pic

Be **crE**ative

Use your **iM**agination

FOOD

Chicken or **beeF**

Rice or **potatO**

Broccoli or **tomatO**

White wine or **reD**

Adapted from: <https://examples.yourdictionary.com/acrostic-poem-examples.html>

Creating an Acrostic Poem:

- Decide on a word or theme.
- Brainstorm words or phrases that describe your idea.
- Think of synonyms to get to words that match your letters.
- Write your word down vertically.
- Place your words or phrases on the lines that begin with the same letters.
- Fill in the rest of the lines to create a poem.
- Acrostic poems do not need to rhyme, or to maintain the rhythm of the lines.

Writing an Acrostic Found poem

- Choose a theme or character's name or an event from the chapter.
- Choose a paragraph or paragraphs from the chapter with rich imagery and detailed descriptions relating to the chosen theme/character/event.
- Find phrases or words that contain the letters you require. Choose a few options for each letter to give you greater choice.
- Format your poem.
- If you want it to rhyme, work on words that rhyme.
- Free verse still needs to sound poetic and not like prose.
- Decide on whether you want a specific number of syllables per line.

Adapted from: <https://www.poetry4kids.com/lessons/how-to-write-an-acrostic-poem/>