# 25 Types of Poetry

## -ing Poems

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| Line 2-10 words with ing                     |

## Acrostic Poem

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

- Readiading and exploring new worlds.
- Exciting new conflicts
- And Page turning cliffhangers.
- Drop everything and grab a book.

## Listing Poems

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## Haiku

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<td>The sky is so blue.</td>
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<td>It looks like blue, blue water.</td>
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<td>I love to watch clouds.</td>
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## Fill in Blanks Poems

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<td>Line 2: _______are blue,</td>
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<td>Line 3: _______is sweet,</td>
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<td>And so is _______.</td>
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## Couplets
Two lines with ending words that rhyme.

**My Grandmother**
My grandmother sits in her wheel chair, 
Looking out the window while she sits there.

## Cinquian
Line 1: subject  
Line 2: describes subject  
Line 3: action words about the subject  
Line 4: feelings about the subject  
Line 5: synonym for the subject

### Best Friend
cheerful, truthful  
e-mailing, calling, eating  
friend for 20 years  
best bud

## Concrete Poetry
Draw a picture and write your poem on it. Your poem follows the shape to help make the picture.

![Concrete Poetry Example](image)

## Tercet
Three lines with the first two rhyming.

The old woman wrinkled her toes, 
As she swotted a fly on her nose.  
Then she kept rocking in her chair.

## Good Poem/Bad Poem
Choose a favorite person, animal or thing to write about.

### Good Cat, Bad Cats
My cat meows quietly,  
While he claws the furniture.  
My cat walks softly,  
As he tries to scratch me.
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**Place Poem**
This poem takes a small part and describes it.

**A Desert in Arizona**
- Cactus
- Scorpion
- Heat
- Dry
- Dusty
- Armadillo
- Javelina
- Rattle Snake
- Caynon

**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.

**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.
I remember her singing sweet lullabies as I drifted off to sleep.

**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, Row row row your boat. 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 knee,
And now she hides quietly behind a tree.

**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,
Large Tall Trees,
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
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.

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.

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?