

## Writing a Poem

### Acrostic

Spell out a word down the left side of the page. Each line of the poem describes something about that word.

**O**ut on the water,  
**C**ruising over waves,  
**E**very man feels the mystery.  
**A** great roaring power.  
**N**othing is as mighty as the sea.

### Diamante

The text of this poem is printed in the shape of a diamond.

Line 1: Noun or Subject  
 Line 2: Two Adjectives  
 Line 3: Three 'ing words  
 Line 4: Four words about subject  
 Line 5: Three 'ing words  
 Line 6: Two adjectives  
 Line 7: Synonym for the subject

Ocean  
 Deep, Blue  
 Crashing, Blowing, Turning  
 A Home for Whales  
 Rolling, Roaring, Raging  
 Dark, Mysterious  
 The Sea

### Haiku

This Japanese form of poetry is composed of 17 syllables on 3 lines. A haiku is usually about nature.

Line 1: 5 syllables  
 Line 2: 7 syllables  
 Line 3: 5 syllables

A beautiful sea,  
 Waves crashing against the sand,  
 A day at the beach.

### Free Verse

This is the most common verse form of poetry. The lines are irregular and may not rhyme. This form has no rules whatsoever.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Couplet**

This is a poem with two rhyming lines.

The ocean is the place to be, I never can have  
too much of the sea!

Start writing your own poem here!  
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