

How to Write an Acrostic Poem

What is an Acrostic poem?

Acrostic poems are a fun form of poetry that anyone can write because they only have a few simple rules. In an acrostic poem, the first letters of each line spell out a word or phrase. The word or phrase can be a name, a thing, or whatever you like. Usually, the first letter of each line is capitalised as this makes it easier to see the word spelled out vertically down the page.

Acrostics are easy to write because they don't need to rhyme, and you don't need to worry about the rhythm of the lines. Each line can be as long or as short as you want it to be.

I have written an example below in which some of my lines rhyme, but they don't have to:

Shakespeare wrote
Hamlet and many plays for
Acting out on stage upon stage, where
Kings and Queens show
Envoy and greed.
Sonnets and poems, he also
Penned, this much loved
Englishman and friend,
And the most famous love story of old,
Romeo and Juliet,
Eternally told.



Using the template below and the word bank to help, see if you can have a go.

S _____

H _____

A _____

K _____

E _____

S _____

P _____

E _____

A _____

R _____

E _____

S	H	A	K	E	P	R
Shakespeare	Hamlet	Act/Acting	King	Envy	Play	Rhyme
Sonnet	History	Arrows	Kingdom	Errors	Playwright	Revenge
Sword	Hatred	Athens	Kiss	England	Poems/Poetry	Romeo
Sorrow	Henry	Alchemy	Kneel	English	Peace	Rose
Stratford	Heart	Ado	Kindness	Elizabethan	Pale	Resolve
Stars	Honest	Admire	Knife	Earnest	Parting	Reason
Secret	Heaven	Alas	Knowing	Embrace	Pair	Return