

A C R O S T I C

he identifying features of acrostic poems.

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Aim

- To recognise the features of acrostic poems.

Success Criteria

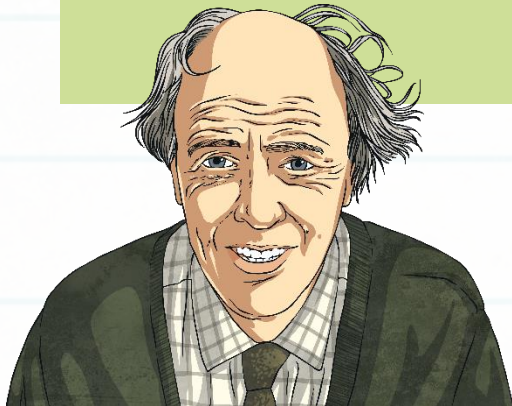
- I know that acrostics have a topic word hidden in the first letter of each line.
- I can look for the poem's theme by reading the first letters vertically.
- I understand that acrostics don't have to rhyme.

Acrostic Examples

What is each poem about?

Revolting rhymes
Ompa-Loompas
Angry farmers
Lazy aunts
Dangerous witches

Dream blower
Adventurous animals
Horrible headteacher
Lickable wallpaper



It's my favourite food
Cold as the inside of a fridge
Every sunny day

Can't wait
Running to the van
Empy out the money
'Any sauce on that, love?
Mmmmmm, yummy!



Acrostic Examples

What is the poem about?

Gigantic flames
Remember 1666
Every child knows
Ash floated everywhere
Thousands of homes destroyed

Flames all around
Inside the bakery
Red sky
Everything covered in soot

Over the city
From house to house

Lots of people escaped
On foot, by boat and carriage
Nearly every house
Demolished
On Pudding Lane – Help! Help! But
Not many people died.



Acrostic Features

What did you notice?

The first letter of each line spells out the poem's theme vertically – what's this one about?

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alliteration

Poetic devices may be used.

simile

Lines can be different lengths

Let's Try It!

How can we write an acrostic poem?

First, we need to choose a theme. I know, let's have... **fireworks!**

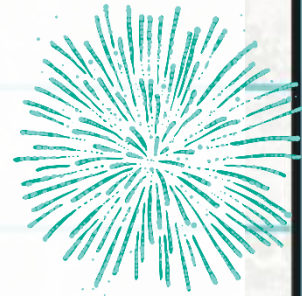
Then, we think of lots of words or phrases associated with that theme...

bonfire

night

spectacular

smoke



pop

bang

fizz

noise

crackle



rocket

explosion

stars

sparkle

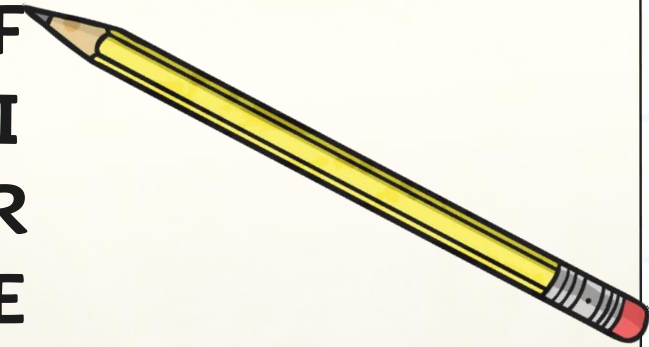


Let's Try It!

How can we write an acrostic poem?
Next, we write the letters of our theme word(s) vertically
down the page in CAPITAL LETTERS...

fireworks →

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R
E
W
O
R
K
S**



Let's Try It!

How can we write an acrostic poem?

Finally, we use our list of words and phrases to create each line. Don't worry if you can't think of them in order – it's fine to go back and add any missing lines afterwards.



Flames flicker in the bonfire

I watch the sparks fly up

Rockets zoom into the night

Everywhere the smell of smoke

Waiting for the next explosion

Oohh... Ahhh... Wow!

Roaring crowds of onlookers

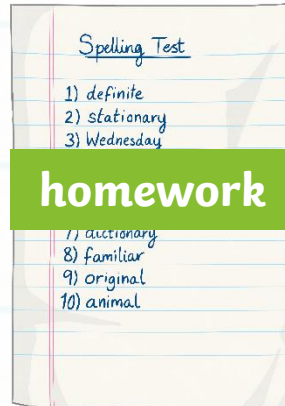
Kaleidoscope of colours

Seems to go on forever



Your Turn!

Here are some themes for an acrostic.
Which one would you choose?



Plenary

What have you learnt about acrostics?

- Acrostic poems have their theme or title written down the page vertically

- Write the theme letters in CAPITALS.

- Each line starts with a letter of the theme word(s).

- Acrostics don't have to rhyme, but all the other poetic devices (alliteration, similes, rhythm, etc.) are great!

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