

What is an Acrostic poem? Acrostic poems are a fun poetic form that anyone can write. They have just a few simple rules, and this lesson will teach you how to create an acrostic poem of your own.

To begin with, an acrostic is a poem in which 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 capitalized. 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.

Creating an Acrostic in Five Easy Steps To create an acrostic, follow these five easy steps:

- Decide what to write about.
- Write your word down *vertically*.
- Brainstorm words or phrases that describe your idea.
- Place your brainstormed words or phrases on the lines that begin with the same letters.
- Fill in the rest of the lines to create a poem.

Following a link to show you how these types of poem work and some tips to help you write one.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4mmn39/articles/ztdvw6f>

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For this lesson the first step has been done for you. You are going to write an acrostic poem about Uluru, the famous Australian landmark.

Activity 1. Write down as many words or phrases that you can think of to describe Uluru. You can use the information text from yesterday, find information in a non-fiction book or go online and research Uluru yourself.

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Activity 2. Now see if any of the words or phrases begins with the letters U-L-U-R-U.

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Activity 3. If you need to find words beginning with the letters use a dictionary, a thesaurus or wordhippo.com to find synonyms that mean the same as your initial words. *e.g. incredible – you can find the following words beginning with ‘u’ – unthinkable, unbelievable, unimagined. You can choose one of these words if think it works, if not try again!*

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Activity 4. Make sure you have chosen a range of powerful adjectives, expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors. *e.g. Red Rock could become: An angry red rock sitting like a soldier guarding a fortress.*

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Activity 5. Finally put your acrostic poem together. Remember to have the Uluru in capital letters vertically.