

BOOMbox at Home

Concrete Poetry

Concrete poetry—sometimes also called “shape poetry”—is poetry whose visual appearance matches the topic of the poem. The words form shapes which illustrate the poem's subject as a picture, as well as through their literal meaning. This is a great activity to put your creativity and imagination to work!



Supplies

- 2 sheets of paper (one lined and one sheet of printer paper)
- Pencil with eraser
- Pen or Sharpie (optional)
- Colored pencils (optional)

Instructions

- First, choose an object to be the subject of your poem. Good suggestions for beginners are favorite animals or favorite foods!
- Draw a simple outline of the shape you chose on your plain printer paper, preferably with a pencil so you can erase any mistakes.
- Plan out the poem you'll be using on a separate sheet of lined paper. It doesn't have to rhyme!
- Lay out your poem in the shape of your choosing, making sure to break off sentences where necessary to fill out all parts of the shape. You can make your writing bigger or smaller if needed.
- Finally, erase the outline of your shape, so that it is just the words from your poem left creating the image. You can now trace over your words with a pen or Sharpie if you'd like.
- If you want, you can lightly shade the background of your poem with colored pencils for a pop of color!

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