

## Poetry Unit – C.F.

Poetry - a type of literature, or artistic writing, that attempts to stir a reader's imagination or emotions. The **poet** does this by carefully choosing and arranging language for its meaning, sound, and rhythm. In this unit, we will discuss and create 4 types of poems: Acrostic, Haiku, Limerick, and Rhymes.

- 1. Acrostic - A Name Poem that describes characteristics of the word. It uses the letters of the word as the first letter of each line.**

Examples:

**Nicky**  
**by**  
**Marie Hughes**

Nicky is a Nurse  
It's her chosen career  
Children or Old folks  
Kindness in abundance  
Year after year

Complete your own Acrostic poem here: Remember to put the letters of your first name down the left side to begin. Hit enter to add more lines/letters for your poem.

Charlotte always wears her hair in two braids  
Her braids are her signature look  
Always easy to decide how to wear her hair  
Ready for anything  
Lots of girls wear their hair down but never her  
Only Charlotte is allowed to wear her hair like this  
This way knots don't exist  
Tomorrow's hair will be the same  
Every day of the year

**2. Haiku Poetry - A Japanese poem composed of three unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables. Haiku poetry reflects on some aspect of nature and creates images.**

**Ex:** Falling to the ground,  
I watch a leaf settle down  
In a bed of brown

**Ex:** The wind is blowing  
It is blowing very hard  
I don't like the wind.

Create **2** original Haikus in the box below. Hit enter to go to the next line in the poem

Sunshine in my face  
The grass is extremely green  
Trees seem much brighter  
  
Roses red as blood  
Smells like expensive perfume  
Pointy thorns poke me

3. Limerick - A short humorous poem consisting of five lines. Lines 1, 2, and 5 of a Limerick have seven to ten syllables and rhyme with one another. Lines 3 and 4 have five to seven syllables and also rhyme with each other.

**Ex:** There once was an ape in a zoo

Who looked out through the bars and saw YOU!

Do you think it's fair

To give poor apes a scare?

I think it's a mean thing to do

**Ex:** There once was a poor boy named Sid

Who thought he knew more than he did

He thought that a shark

Would turn tail if you bark

So he swam out to try it --- poor kid!

Create your original Limerick in the box below. Hit enter to go to the next line in the poem

There once was a girl who had orange hair

She thought her brother was very unfair

He would pull her ponytail

So she hit him with a pail

Then he left her alone with a glare

**4. Rhyme - types of poems which have the repetition of the same or similar sounds at the end of two or more words most often at the ends of lines. This technique makes the poem easy to remember and is therefore often used in Nursery Rhymes.**

**Ex:** Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the King's horses, And all the King's men  
Couldn't put Humpty together again!

**Ex:** Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,  
The cow jumped over the moon.  
The little dog laughed to see such a sport  
And the dish ran away with the spoon!

Create your original Rhyme in the box below. Hit enter to go to the next line in the poem

**Winnie the Pooh  
Doesn't live in the zoo  
But he likes to eat honey  
And he's friends with a bunny**