

Types of Poetry

Poetry can be written in many different ways. Read about a few different kinds of poetry, then give each one a try!

Haiku: A haiku has three lines. The first one is five syllables long, the second is seven, and the third is five. Haikus do not rhyme.

Walking on the beach
The waves crash on the seashore
The sound brings me peace.

Write a haiku about the events that take place in “Casey at the Bat.”

Diamante: Diamante poems are seven lines long. Starting with one word, the first four lines increase by one word each, and the last three decrease by one. When they are written, they form a diamond shape. Diamante poems often use adjectives and verbs to describe a noun.

Books
Dusty, musty
Exciting, inviting, intriguing
Fairytales, fables, mysteries, adventures
Quiet, Silent, Solitary
Words, pages
Reading.

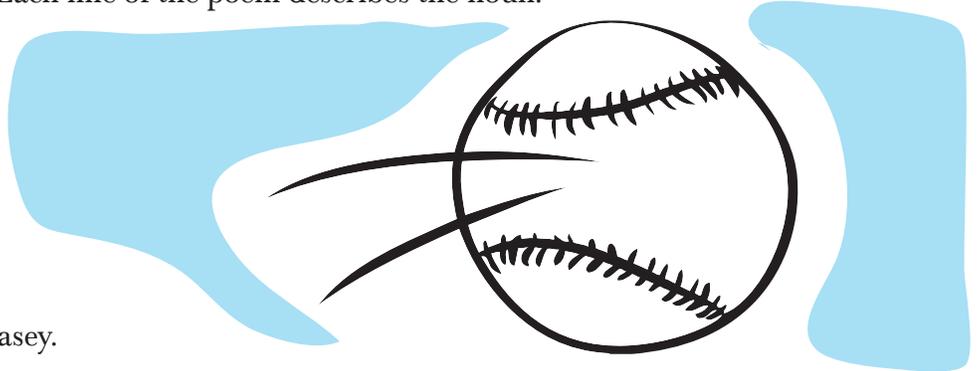


Write a diamante poem about your favorite sport.

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Acrostic: In an acrostic poem, each line begins with the letter in a noun. When finished, the first letter of every line will spell out a word. Each line of the poem describes the noun.

**Sometimes sunny skies
Puddles on the ground
Rainbows and flowers
Into a new season
New life all around
Great time to be outdoors.**



Write an acrostic poem about Casey.

C _____
A _____
S _____
E _____
Y _____

Cinquain: Cinquain poems are similar to diamante poems. Cinquains are five lines long. They have two syllables in the first line, four in the second, six in the third, eight in the fourth, and two in the last. It is common for a cinquain poem to describe a noun, with a noun as the first line, adjectives to describe it as the second, third, and fourth, and a synonym for the noun as the last.

**Raindrops
Dripping, dropping
Splashing, tinkling, sprinkling
Lightly falling from the gray sky
Showers.**



Write a cinquain poem about the game of baseball.

