

# 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.”

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**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.

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