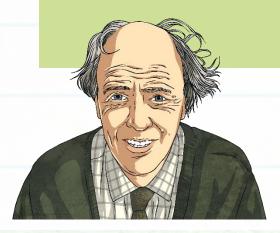


Acrostic Examples

What is each poem about?

Revolting rhymes
Oompa-Loompas
Angry farmers
Lazy aunts
Dangerous witches

Dream blower
Adventurous animals
Horrible headteacher
Lickable wallpaper



It's my favourite food Cold as the inside of a fridge Every sunny day

Can't wait
Running to the van
Empty out the money
'Any sauce on that, love?'
Mmmmmm, yummy!



Acrostic Examples

What is the poem about?

Gigantic flames
Remember 1666
Every child knows
Ash floated everywhere
Thousands of homes destroyed

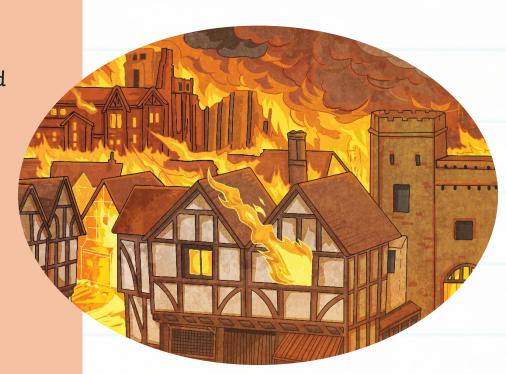
Flames all around
Inside the bakery
Red sky
Everything covered in soot

Over the city

From house to house

Lots of people escaped
On foot, by boat and carriage
Nearly every house
Demolished

On Pudding Lane – Help! Help! But Not many people died.



Acrostic Features

The first letter
of each line
spells out the
poem's theme
vertically what's this one
about?

What did you notice?

Poetic
devices may
be used.

simile

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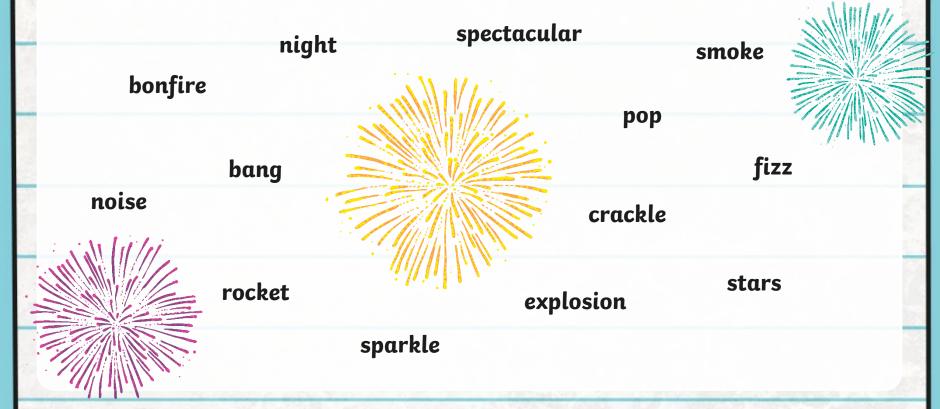
Lines can be different lengths

Let's Try It!

How can we write an acrostic poem?

First, we need to choose a theme. I know, let's have... fireworks!

Then, we think of lots of words or phrases associated with that theme...



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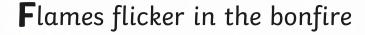
Next, we write the letters of our theme word(s) vertically down the page in CAPITAL LETTERS...

fireworks-



Let's Try It!

How can we write an acrostic poem?
Finally, we use our list of words and phrases to create each line. Don't worry if you can't think of them in order – it's fine to go back and add any missing lines afterwards.



I watch the sparks fly up

Rockets zoom into the night

Everywhere the smell of smoke

Waiting for the next explosion

Oohh... Ahhh... Wow!

Roaring crowds of onlookers

Kaleidoscope of colours

Seems to go on forever





Plenary

What have you learnt about acrostics?

- Acrostic poems have their theme or title written down the page vertically
- · Write the theme letters in CAPITALS.
- Each line starts with a letter of the theme word(s).
- Acrostics don't have to rhyme, but all the other poetic devices (alliteration, similes, rhythm, etc.) are great!