An acrostic is a poem where the first letters of each line spell out a word or phrase. You've probably made one using your name.

The word or phrase can be a name, but it can also be a thing, or a feeling or whatever you like.

The first letter of each line is a capital to make it easier to see the word spelled out vertically down the page.

Acrostics are fun to write! They are usually very positive, they don't need to rhyme and you don't need to worry about the rhythm or length of the lines. An acrostic can be about anything you like and is often decorated for display.


Look at the example acrostic written by Taylor. Before creating the poem, Taylor brainstormed lots of things that might be included.
collects unicorns
new puppy good at maths good at football
grumpy in the morning (mum says)
likes building with lego
fav colour yellow
fav food pizza
fav hobby lego

Next, she put all the letters of her name vertically down a sheet of paper and planned how to fit the facts to the letters.

She used a THESAURUS to find lots of alternatives for words such as 'likes' and 'very' so that they would match with the letters needed.

Finally, she made a neat copy of the poem and decorated it.

Can you write an acrostic poem using the letters of your name?
If you want a challenge, use your first and second name.

| SUCCESS CRITERIA FOR ACROSTIC POEM |  |
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| I brainstormed my ideas about the subject. |  |
| I thought carefully about how to match my ideas to the letters. |  |
| I used CAPITAL LETTERS. |  |
| I wrote the letters VERTICALLY on the page. |  |

