

Alphabet Poetry

Low Level

Alphabet poetry can be about anything. But it's a good idea to choose a topic that you can write lots of words about. Why? Because in order to write an alphabet poem, you need to write a word that begins with every letter of the alphabet!



1. Choose a topic that you want to write about. Try to pick something common or that you know a lot about. Let's write about a:

Junk Drawer

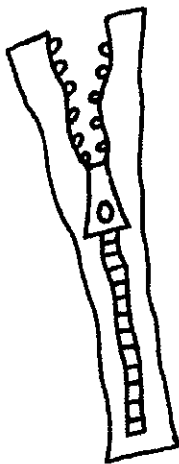
2. Starting with the letter A and continuing all the way to Z, write words about your topic. When you have 26 words, your alphabet poem will be finished! Since we're writing about the junk drawer, let's write some things that are found in it.

Acorn, Bead, Candy...

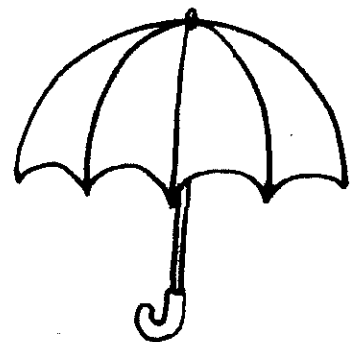
Separate each word with a comma (,). Your alphabet poem can have as many lines as you like.

3. Don't worry if you have trouble thinking of words that begin with tricky letters like **X, Y, or Z**. Try looking for words in a dictionary, or ask an adult to give you some ideas.

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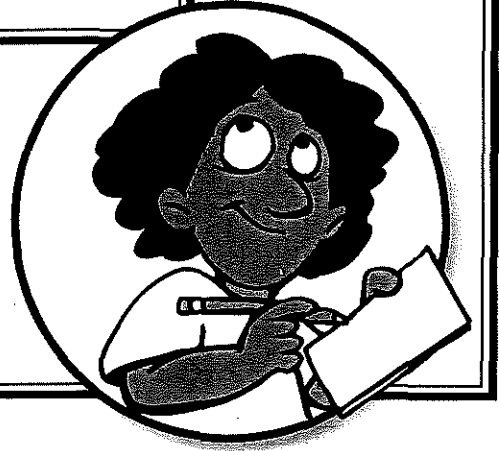
**Acorn, Bead, Candy, Dust
Eraser, Feathers, Glue,
Hair, Ink, Jacks, Kite,
Lists, Mints, Notes, Odor,
Pictures, Quarters, Rings,
Stamp, Tin, Umbrella,
Vest, Watch, X-ray,
Yarn, Zippers**



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Alphabet poems are made up of words that describe your chosen topic. You must have one word for every letter of the alphabet, arranged in order. If you have trouble with letters like X, Y, and Z, try using creative tricks like the poem below. Don't forget: a poet can write whatever he or she wants!



Sick Day

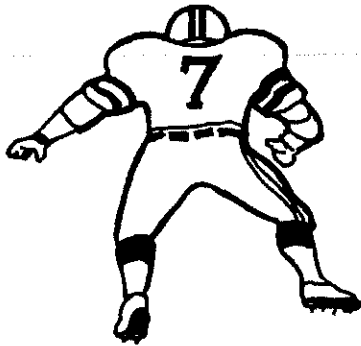
Achoo!, bellyache,
cough, doctor, earache,
fever, groggy,
headache,
icepack, juice, kisses, love,
movie, nap, oatmeal,
pillows, quilt,
restless, sneezing, tears,
upset,
vitamins, water,
eXhausted, yawn,
Zzzzz



Student Samples of Alphabet Poems

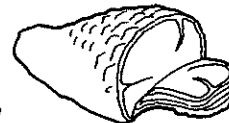
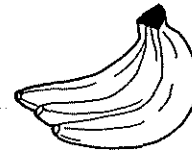
Sports

Awesome
Bats
Catcher
Dribble
Entertainment
Fans
Golf
Home run
Intermission
Jockey
Kick
Linebacker
Money
Net
Overtime
Pitcher
Quick
Runner
Safe
Touchdown
Umpire
Victory
Winner
X-tra innings
Yelling
Zipping bases



Foods

Apple
Banana
Celery
Donuts
Eggplant
French fries
Grapes
Hot dog
Ice cream
Jelly beans
Ketchup
Lemon
Meat
Nuts
Orange
Pasta
Quick oatmeal
Rice
Sausage
Toast
Undercooked carrots
Vegetable
Watermelon
X-tra helpings
Yolk
Zip your lips—no more food!



Alphabet Poem Brainstorming

Select a topic: _____

This will become the title of your alphabet poem.

Now, brainstorm words that relate to your topic. You will need words that begin with each letter of the alphabet. If you get stuck with difficult letters like X, you can use words that start with the /x/ sound (for example, X-traordinary).

A _____ **J** _____ **S** _____

B _____ **K** _____ **T** _____

C _____ **L** _____ **U** _____

D _____ **M** _____ **V** _____

E _____ **N** _____ **W** _____

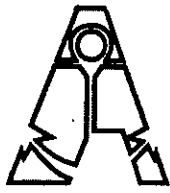
F _____ **O** _____ **X** _____

G _____ **P** _____ **Y** _____

H _____ **Q** _____ **Z** _____

I _____ **R** _____

Alphabet Poem Draft



Now, write your alphabet poem, using the words you already have brainstormed. You will need to include one word for each letter of the alphabet, keeping the letters in order. Remember, the title of your poem is your topic.

