

5 Types of Poems

HAIKU

Line 1: 5 syllables
Line 2: 7 syllables
Line 3: 5 syllables

Example:

The waves crash so loud
Upon the breezy shore line.
It's a splendid sight.

LIST POEM

The first line introduces the topic and each consecutive line lists a word that describes or talks about the subject.

Example:

Christmas with my family is...
Loving
Happy
Traditional
Joyful
Fun

CINQUAIN

Line 1: Subject (1 word)
Line 2: Description of Subject (2 words)
Line 3: Some action about the Subject (3 words)
Line 4: Feeling about the title (4 words)
Line 5: Synonym for title (1 word)

Example:

Fireworks
Bright, Loud
Flying, Blinding, Exploding
Joyful, Nervous, Breathtaking, Exciting
Explosives

DIAMANTE

Line 1: Subject
Line 2: Two adjectives describing the subject
Line 3: Three words ending in "ing" telling about the subject
Line 4: Four words: the first two describe the subject; the last two describe its opposite
Line 5: Three words ending in "ing" telling about the opposite
Line 6: Two adjectives describing the opposite
Line 7: Opposite

Example:

Happiness
Joyful, Bright
Loving, Caring, Exciting
Great, Fun, Gloomy, Despair
Terrifying, Grieving, Crying
Dark, Mournful
Sadness

ACROSTIC

The subject or topic is written vertically and each letter of the subject or topic is used as the beginning of each line of the poem talking about the subject.

Example:

Oceanic waves
Crash onto the shore
Elevating my spirits
An awesome sight to see
Never ending calmness