**WHAT IS AN ACROSTIC?**

Acrostics are a fun poetic form that anyone can write. They have just a few simple rules, and this lesson will teach you how to create acrostic poems of your own.

To begin with, an acrostic is a poem in which the first letters of each line spell out a word or phrase. The word or phrase can be a name, a thing, or whatever you like. When children write acrostics, they will often use their own first name, or sometimes the first name of a friend.

Usually, the first letter of each line is capitalized. This makes it easier to see the word spelled out vertically down the page.

Acrostics are easy to write because they don’t need to rhyme, and you don’t need to worry about the rhythm of the lines. Each line can be as long or as short as you want it to be.

**CREATING AN ACROSTIC IN FIVE EASY STEPS**

To create an acrostic, follow these five easy steps:

1. Decide what to write about.
2. Write your word down *vertically*.
3. Brainstorm words or phrases that describe your idea.
4. Place your brainstormed words or phrases on the lines that begin with the same letters.
5. Fill in the rest of the lines to create a poem.

Now let me show you how to follow these steps.

The first step is to decide what you would like to write an acrostic poem about. I recommend you start by writing an acrostic based on your name or on your favorite thing, whatever that happens to be. It doesn’t matter if your favorite thing is soccer, video games, chocolate, music, pizza, movies, or anything else.

**AN ICE CREAM ACROSTIC**

**Ice Cream**

**I** love every flavor.
**C**ookies & Cream.
**E**nglish Toffee.

**C**hocolate Chip.
**R**ocky Road.
**E**ven Strawberry and
**A**lmond Fudge.
**M**mmmmmmm.

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