



## ACROSTIC POEMS

Like Haikus, Acrostic poems are super simple for the children to do and fun for them because the ideas are endless! They go great with ANY theme! If you are focusing on a particular Science, History, Geography or Math lesson, take a break and let the kids write an Acrostic poem about the topic!

### Here's the Lesson!

1. Explain to the children that an Acrostic poem is a word written vertically. Each letter of the word is then used to describe the vertical word.
2. For example, look at the vertical words PIGS, WATER and CHOCOLATE.

Porky	Washing	Cocoa
Interesting	A need	Hershey's
Gross	Tastes good	On the table
Stinky	Ever flowing	Candy bar
	Refreshing	Oreo top and bottom
		Liquid
		A perfect gift
		Tasty
		Enjoyable

3. Now look at the words writing horizontally. Porky, Interesting, Gross, Stinky. Those words all describe PIGS.
4. Look at the words Washing, A need, Tastes good, Ever flowing, refreshing. These words all describe water. Notice the horizontal words can be one word or a short phrase.

### Brainstorm Words

5. Have each student brainstorm words that interest them. These words can be ANYTHING! They can be names family members, friends or famous people, songs, foods, sports, cars, hobbies, anything!

### Now to Write

6. Give each student a piece of paper.
7. Have them choose a word that they want to write about.
8. Have them use markers or ABC stickers to write their word vertically on the left side of their paper.
9. For each letter of the vertical word, students write a single word or phrase about the vertical word.
10. Students can illustrate their acrostic if they'd like to.