**Acrostic Poetry**

An acrostic poem is very easy to write.  It can be about any subject. This kind of poem can be written in  different ways, but the simplest form is to put the letters that spell your subject down the side of your page.  When you have done this then you go back to each letter and think of a word, phrase, or sentence that  starts with that letter and describes your subject. The following poems are examples of acrostic poems written in this format. The students used AppleWorks to compose their poems.

**Hockey**

Hockey is my favorite sport
On the ice or street
Cool and fun
Keep on playing
Exercise and stronger
You should try

**by Justin**

**Best Buds**

Best
Everlasting
Super
True
Best friends
Unforgettable
Do not exclude
Super

**by Samara**

**Mothers**

Mothers are really sweet and kind
Only the sweetest thing on earth
They love you like anything
Have to work all day cleaning
Easy to make them happy
Really easy to give them... xoxo.
(Mother)

**by Teshi**

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**How to Write Acrostic Poems by Bruce Lansky (2002)**

  Acrostic poems are easy to write, and some of the easiest acrostic poems use names. Try this exercise: Write your name vertically on a piece of paper or type it vertically on your computer. For this example, we'll pretend your name is Joe.

Now think of a word or a phrase that describes you that begins with the letter J. Then think of a word or phrase that begins with O. Finally, think of a word or phrase that begins with E. Here's what your acrostic poem might look like:

**Joe**

Jolly
Outgoing
Excellent

After you've written an acrostic poem using your name, try writing poems with other words, such as "football," "horse," or "summer." For a real challenge, see if you can make the acrostic poem tell a story rather than just describe the word you chose. These examples may get your creative juices flowing:

**Garbage**

Grounds (coffee)
Apple (core)
Rinds (melon)
Banana (peel)
Anchovies (from a pizza I wouldn't eat)
Grapes (too ripe to eat)
Emptying the stinking bag (my job)

**Candy**

Charleston Chew
Almond Roca
Nestle's Crunch
Dots from Mason
Yummy

Notice that both of these poems tell a story. In the first, the speaker knows what's in the garbage bag because it's his duty to empty it when it's full. In the second, the speaker has candy on the brain and would spend his last quarter at a candy store or movie theatre.

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