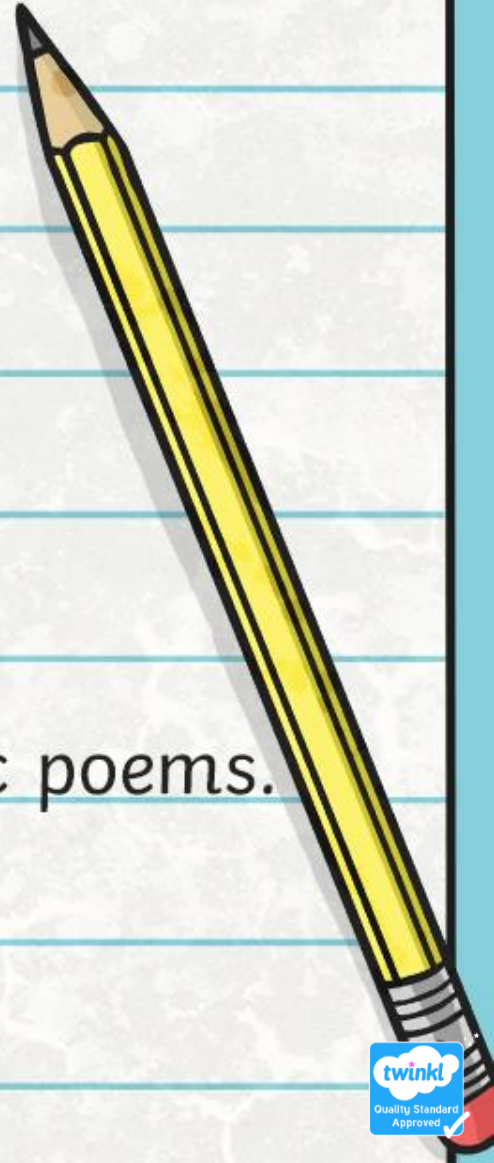


# A C R O S T I C

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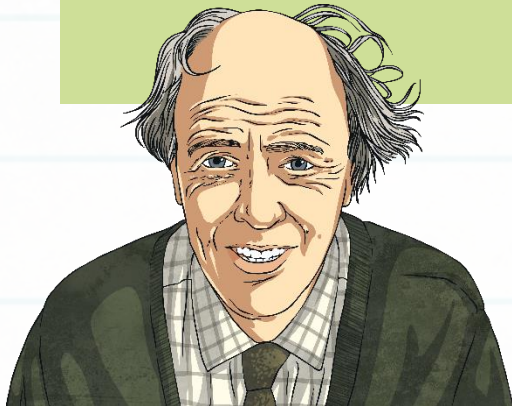


# Acrostic Examples

What is each poem about?

**R**evolting rhymes  
**O**mpa-Loompas  
**A**ngry farmers  
**L**azy aunts  
**D**angerous witches

**D**ream blower  
**A**dventurous animals  
**H**orrible headteacher  
**L**ickable wallpaper



**I**t's my favourite food  
**C**old as the inside of a fridge  
**E**very sunny day

**C**an't wait  
**R**unning to the van  
**E**mpy out the money  
**'A**ny sauce on that, love?  
**M**mmmmm, yummy!



# Acrostic Examples

What is the poem about?

**G**igantic flames  
**R**emember 1666  
**E**very child knows  
**A**sh floated everywhere  
**T**housands of homes destroyed

**F**lames all around  
**I**nside the bakery  
**R**ed sky  
**E**verything covered in soot

**O**ver the city  
**F**rom house to house

**L**ots of people escaped  
**O**n foot, by boat and carriage  
**N**early every house  
**D**emolished  
**O**n Pudding Lane – Help! Help! But  
**N**ot many people died.



# Acrostic Features

What did you notice?

The first letter of each line spells out the poem's theme vertically – what's this one about?

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Lines can be different lengths

# Let's Try It!

How can we write an acrostic poem?

First, we need to choose a theme. I know, let's have... **fireworks!**

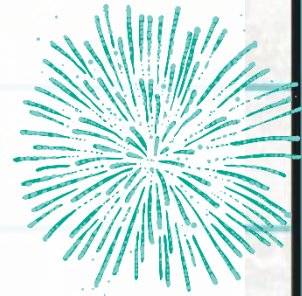
Then, we think of lots of words or phrases associated with that theme...

bonfire

night

spectacular

smoke



pop

bang

fizz

noise

crackle



rocket

explosion

stars

sparkle

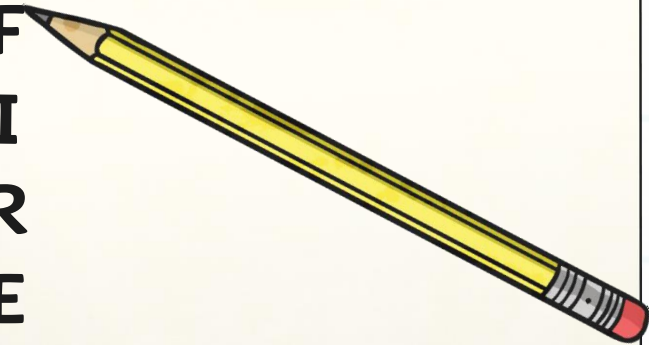


# Let's Try It!

How can we write an acrostic poem?  
Next, we write the letters of our theme word(s) vertically down the page in CAPITAL LETTERS...

**fireworks** →

**F  
I  
R  
E  
W  
O  
R  
K  
S**



# Let's Try It!

How can we write an acrostic poem?

Finally, we use our list of words and phrases to create each line. Don't worry if you can't think of them in order – it's fine to go back and add any missing lines afterwards.



**F**lames flicker in the bonfire

**I** watch the sparks fly up

**R**ockets zoom into the night

**E**verywhere the smell of smoke

**W**aiting for the next explosion

**O**ohh... Ahhh... Wow!

**R**oaring crowds of onlookers

**K**aleidoscope of colours

**S**eems to go on forever



# Plenary

What have you learnt about acrostics?

- Acrostic poems have their theme or title written down the page vertically

- Write the theme letters in CAPITALS.

- Each line starts with a letter of the theme word(s).