

Creating Winter Shape Poems

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Aim

To understand the features of shape poetry

Success Criteria

- I know that a shape poem describes an object, person or animal and the words of the poem form the shape of the object, person or animal being described.
- I understand that shape poetry doesn't have to rhyme.
- I can try to include alliteration and similes in my poem.
- I can create my own winter themed shape poem.

Shape Poems

Can you and a partner guess what these poems are describing?

Hint: You can use the words and the **shape** of the words to help you.

They glide across
the golden grass
gathering goblins and
gathering grasshoppers.
They giggle as they
glide above
the ground.

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Softly, it falls silently from the sky.
It is so silvery, small and sudden.

Slowly you slip and slide as you sled
your way through its silky secrets.

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A huge rock that
rumbles and roars, wrecking the
ground all around it. It shoots sizzling,
steaming, scorching lava like a monster spitting
out hot liquid into the air. Like a smoking dragon, it finally
starts to calm down. The chaos stops and it goes back to being a
deadly and dangerous rock.

What is a Shape Poem?

- A shape poem is a poem that describes an object, person or animal.
- The special thing about a shape poem is that the words of the poem form the shape of the object, person or animal being described.
- Shape poems don't have to rhyme!
- Shape poems can use full stops and capital letters like sentences.
- Shape poems often use alliteration or similes.



Let's Try it!

Sweet, steamy and smooth

Here are some lines written using the adjectives and phrases that we brainstormed.

Oh no, they're all mixed up!
Can you put them into the right order to make the shape of a glass of hot chocolate?

Use the length of the lines and the punctuation to help you.

**Lick the soft, delicious
whipped cream**

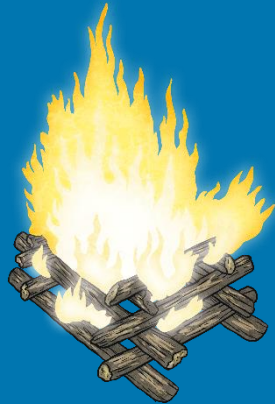
Lick the soft, delicious
whipped cream
As it sits upon a rich,
chocolatey bath.
Sip the comforting liquid,
which is as hot as
lava, carefully
Sweet, steamy and smooth
As it slowly cools
Gulp it down
Down, down
Mmmm
Mmm
Mm
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It's Your Turn to Brainstorm

Let's make a shape poems describing winter objects, animals or themes! As a group, choose 2 or 3 of these winter objects and brainstorm some words or phrases to describe them



- cold
- roly-poly friendly
- eyes made of coal



- blazing
- spectacular
- crackling



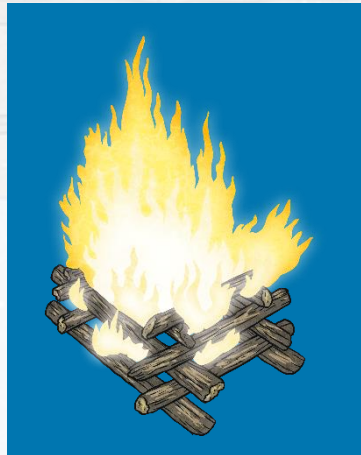
- with a breast as red as cherries
- small
- beautiful



- cosy
- as soft as cotton
- fluffy comforting like a hug

It's Your Turn to Write a Shape Poem

Now, choose one object, animal or theme. Using the ideas you brainstormed as a group and an outline of the object or animal you have chosen, create your own shape poem



Remember to stay inside the lines of the picture, starting a new line when you get close to the edge.

Don't forget to use full stops and capital letters.

Try to use alliteration or similes if you can. This will make your shape poem more exciting and descriptive.

Plenary

Tell me a fantastic adjective that you have used in your shape poem.

Who can read out an example of where they have used alliteration?

Who has used a simile? What have you compared?





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