

Formula Poems

The writer chooses subject-related words that complete specific line prompts to compose a multi-lined poem.

Sense of Place - option 1

Line	Prompt	Example Poem
1	Name 3 things I discovered here today	Plants, rocks, wind
2	Name 3 actions I did here today	Running, climbing, laughing
3	Complete the line: <i>I am</i>	I am exploring
4	Two things you hear	Birds chirping, leaves rustling
5	Complete the line: <i>The day is</i>	The day is fresh
6	What you feel	Alive
7	Complete the line: <i>This is where</i>	This is where I feel free

Sense of Place - option 2

Line	Prompt	Example Poem
1	Name 3 things you notice by seeing	Colors, patterns, beauty
2	Name 3 things you notice by feeling	Cold, smooth, rough
3	Name 3 things you notice by hearing	Chirping, water rushing, seeds rattling
4	Name 3 things you notice by smelling	Dampness, dirt, flowers
5	What you wonder	What more can I observe that I cannot see?

Haiku

Line	Prompt	Example Poem
1	What you can notice, in 5 syllables	Attention, quiet
2	What you wonder, in 7 syllables	Heads thinking and hearts feeling
3	What it reminds you of, in 5 syllables	Like children, wonder...

Cinquain

Line	Prompt	Example Poem
1	Noun	River
2	2 adjectives that describe the noun	Clear, wonderful
3	3 gerunds that describe the noun	Slapping, whirling, flowing
4	1 complete, related sentence	The river is cold.
5	Noun -- synonym of the noun in line 1	Water

Diamante

Line	Prompt	Example Poem
1	Noun A	Winter
2	2 adjectives that describe Noun A	Rainy, cold
3	3 gerunds that describe Noun A	Skiing, skating, sledding
4	2 Nouns related to A + 2 Nouns related to B	Mountains, wind, breeze, ocean
5	3 gerunds that describe Noun B	Swimming, surfing, scuba diving
6	2 adjectives that describe Noun B	Sunny, hot
7	Noun B	Summer