

How to write a Concrete Poem

A Concrete Poem is a lot of fun because it combines wordplay with artplay.

To write a concrete poem - first write a poem about a particular subject or object like a dog or a flower or a car or a glass of milk. Anything you can draw the outline of - because after you write your poem, you will take the words and make them into the shape of the subject you wrote about.

Example: A poem about a box would be the words of the poem
Saying something like:

I like a box
Especially if it's wrapped
Especially on my birthday
Now what's inside?

Now take each line and form the shape of a box - top, sides, bottom. Don't be afraid to turn those words upside down!

A concrete poem about a snake or worm will be long and squiggly. A concrete poem about the ocean might go up and down like waves in the water. Use crayons or chalk or markers to "paint your poem".