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# Types of Poems

In this week's issue of *Scholastic News*, you read about National Poetry Month. There are many different types of poems. Below are two types. Read the descriptions and examples of each type of poem. Then, write a poem of each type on your own.

## Haikus

A haiku (**hye-koo**) is a three-line poem. The rules of haiku writing are: The first line contains five syllables, the second line contains seven syllables, and the third line contains five syllables. (A syllable is a unit of sound in a word. The word **long** contains one syllable.)

### HAIKU EXAMPLE:

*Cherry blossoms bloom  
 Pink and white and feathery  
 Springtime has arrived.*

### YOUR TURN:

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## Acrostic

Acrostic poems are those in which the first letter of each line combined spell a word on their own, usually the poem's title.

### EXAMPLE:

**S**unshine warms the trees,  
**P**eople wear short sleeves,  
**R**aindrops give plants a drink,  
**I**n the grass, squirrels jump.  
**N**ests are full of baby birds,  
**G**oing to fly away someday.

### YOUR TURN:

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