

How to Write a Shape Poem

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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;

as it slowly cools,

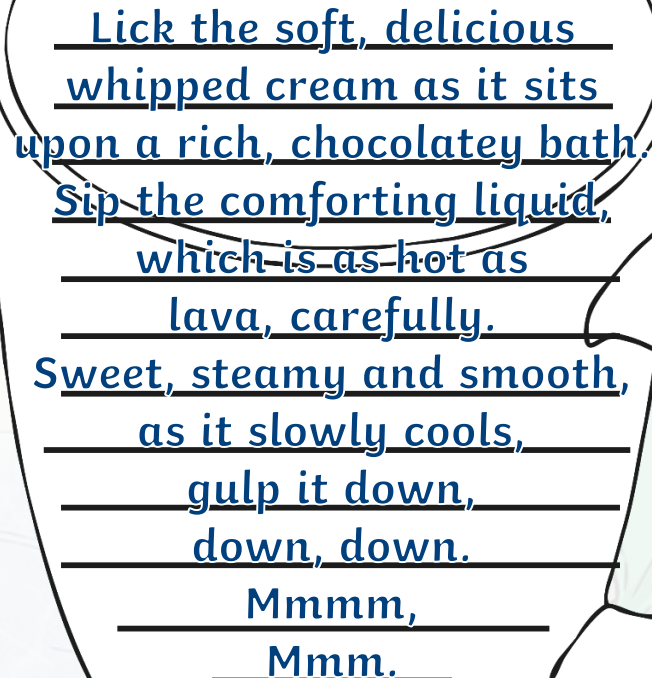
Here are some descriptive lines
from a shape poem.

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

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

Sip the comforting liquid,

**Lick the soft, delicious
whipped cream as it sits**



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.

It's Your Turn to Write a Shape Poem

Now, choose one object, animal or theme. Using the ideas you thought of 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.



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