

# Education Survival



Poetry takes several forms. Here are examples of Haiku, Tantra, couplet, Quatrain, Cinquain, Limerick, Alliteration, Implied Metaphor, Clerihew, Amphisbaena and Ode.

Read the examples and try to write your own.

## FORMS OF POETRY

### HAIKU

A haiku is a short Japanese poem usually on the subject of nature having 3 lines that do not rhyme.

The 1st line has 5 syllables.

The 2nd line has 7 syllables.

The 3rd line has 5 syllables.

example:

Jumbled plants are gone.  
In their place a new garden  
Sit and inhale.

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## QUATRAIN

A quatrain is a poem or verse having 4 lines in which the 2nd and 4th lines rhyme.

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## CINQUAIN

A cinquain is a poem of 5 lines in which the 1st line has 1 word, repeating the title, the 2nd line describes the 1st in 2 words, the 3rd line expresses action in 3 words, the 4th line expresses feelings in 4 words, and the 5th line is one word that refers to the title.

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## Implied Metaphor

Seats in an old classroom  
Ghosts of generations

Green blackboard lines the wall  
Empty cauldron waits to be filled

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## Clerihew

Fact - Fact - React - React

concrete walk  
poured this afternoon.  
tempting me to make  
mark before it hardens.

The  
was  
It's  
my

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## Amphisbaena

example:

Bright colors almost within my  
reach if I DON'T TOUCH THAT.  
IT'S HOT near my mother  
in the kitchen where it smells  
so GOOD GIRL, TASTE THIS  
vegetable ... yuk!

A series of horizontal lines for writing, with a faint watermark of the book illustration in the background.

