

Writing shape poems

Explanation

When you are writing a shape poem, start by thinking of words and phrases related to the subject. Then decide how these can be presented to **make a picture** of the subject. You can use sentences twisted round to **follow the outline** of the shape. You can set out or shape words and phrases to **look like the shape** or you can **fill the shape** with your words and phrases.

Activities

1 Write a **shape poem** about feet.

a Start by thinking of lots of **words** and **phrases** to describe feet.

Parts of feet

sole

Things feet do

tip-toe

Ways to describe feet

penalty kickers

b Now think about how to **present** your ideas in the shape of a foot.

Trace this shape very lightly in pencil onto another piece of paper. Use the tracing to help you select and arrange your ideas into a shape poem.

When you have finished, carefully rub out the pencil line so that just the words remain. Does your poem **look** and **sound** effective?

