



## Activity 5 – Acrostic Poems

An acrostic is a poem where the first letters of each line spell out a word or phrase. The word or phrase can be a name, a thing, or whatever you like.

People often use their own first name to write an acrostic which gives lots of information about them. The first letter of each line is a capital to make it easier to see the word spelled out vertically down the page.

Acrostics are fun to write! They are usually very positive, they don't need to rhyme and you don't need to worry about the length of the lines. An acrostic can be about anything you like and is often decorated for display.

**Archie** is going to write an acrostic poem. Before he starts, he brainstorms lots of things about himself that he might include:





Next, he puts all the letters of his name vertically down his sheet of paper and plans how to fit the facts to his name.

He uses a THESAURUS to find lots of alternatives for words such as 'likes' and 'very' so that he can match them with the letters he needs. Finally, he writes out a good copy of his poem and decorates it.

## TASK

Create an acrostic poem using the words NHS SCOTLAND.

Remember to brainstorm your ideas first, then think about the words and phrases you can match to the letters.

Decorate your poem and display it in your window to show your appreciation for the NHS, or you could send it to us at Scottish Opera!



There are more tips and hints to help you here:

<https://www.poetry4kids.com/lessons/how-to-write-an-acrostic-poem/>