

Poetry Exercise #1

'I Remember'

1. The sentences all begin with 'I remember.'
2. The lines might all be good memories, bad memories or switch between the two.
3. The poem might also be written as the memories of a superhero, movie character, someone from a story you just read etc (which means and so on and so on..).
4. You must have at least 6 sentences in each poem.

Examples:

I Remember #1

I remember the fireplace in our family room with its warm friendly glow.
I remember chats with my aunts in the kitchen while they all helped to prepare dinner.
I remember my sister and I staying up and talking and laughing....

I Remember #2 (as a starship commander in an outer galaxy)

I remember the glow of that comet on your face we passed through the rings of Saturn.
I remember Earth becoming this blue green dot in the darkness.
I remember hearing radio signals from that planet, light years after it had exploded.

The Real Thing.

I Remember #3

I Remember #4

I Remember #5

Poetry Exercise #5 Comparisons

1. This is a poem which compares everyday items to whatever enters your head when you think of it. Something **is like** something else.
2. Every line in the poem contains a comparison.
3. Each line can be about the same thing or each line can be about a different thing.
4. Write at least 2 comparison poems on your own.

Examples:

Comparison Poem #1

Spaghetti is like slimy brains;
An orange is like a tangy surprise;
A telephone is like a voice telescope;
Rain is like a watering can in the sky;
Love is like some warm sunshine that feels happy.

Comparison Poem #2

Grass is like a long velvety carpet of green.
Grass is like a strong smell of spring when someone just mowed it.
Grass is like hay only springy and not scratchy.
Grass is like a blanket for the ground.
And grass is like a big green bed to lie on
And look up at the stars.

Comparison Poem #3

Comparison Poem #4

Poetry Exercise #6 Double Takes

1. This is a poem which is all about your first impression being wrong.
2. The first line begins - "I thought I saw/heard....."
3. The second line completes it - "I turned around and found it was only"
4. Write 2 poems with at least 4 'I thought. I saw/heard.....' in each of them.

Examples:

Double Take #1

I thought I saw a UFO in the sky.
I turned around and found it was only my friend's Frisbee.
I thought I heard my mother calling me.
I turned around and found it was only my neighbour calling her dog.
I thought I saw a sign that said, "Orange."
I turned around and found that it said "Open."
I thought I heard a seagull's cry.
I turned around and found it was only a baby crying from the house next door.

Double Take #2

I thought I saw an angel in the sky,
Shining, fluttering, as bright as the sun.
I turned around and found it was only a huge piece of aluminum foil.
I thought I heard somebody being shot.
I turned around and realized it was just a firecracker.
It's the Fourth of July!
I thought I smelled a forest fire burning.
I turned around and realized it was only the next-door neighbour burning leaves.
I thought I saw my teacher shopping at the mall.
I turned around and it was only a grumpy lady who looks just like her – everyone has a twin.

Double Take #3

Double Take #4

Poetry Exercise #9 Lonely Letter Alliterations

1. First two lines are repeated at the end of the poem (in reverse order).
2. The first word and third word in those lines begin with the same letter.
3. The middle eight words (two per line) all have the same letter as the first and third words.
4. The middle eight words describe the topic.
5. Write 2 of your own – you may want to use a dictionary or a thesaurus.

Examples:

Lonely Letter Alliterations #1

Teachers

Teachers are together,
Teachers are terrific.
Tough, talkative,
Tense, talented.
Teaching, toiling,
Terrifying, testy.
Teachers are terrific,
Teachers are together.

Lonely Letter Alliterations #2

Boys

Boys are bad,
Boys are beautiful.
Brave, bold,
Brainy, bright.
Bitter, bossy,
Backwards, bothersome.
Boys are beautiful,
Boys are bad.

Lonely Letter Alliterations #3

Lonely Letter Alliterations #4