



CREATE A PICTURE POEM

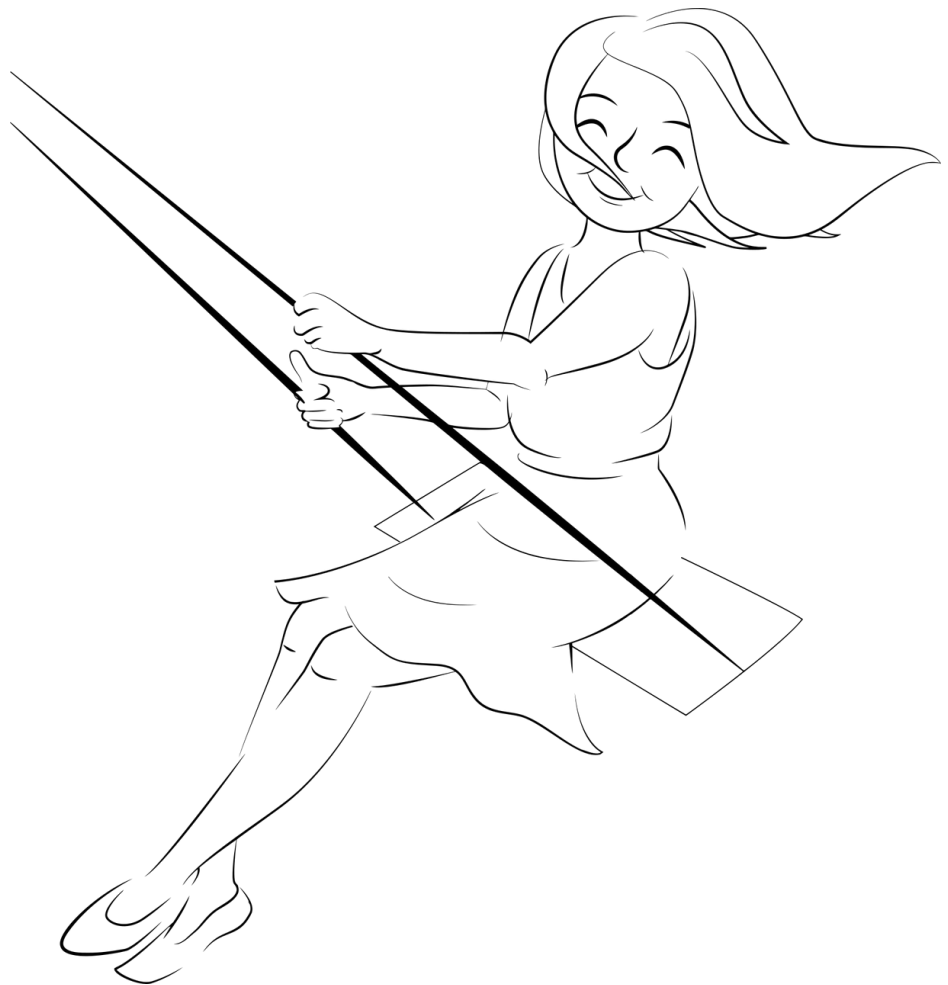
Read my poem, *Rosalie's Swing*, then have fun creating your own picture poem. I'll explain how below.

Upload your picture poem through the Children's University portal for a 60-minute stamp in your Passport. Or show it to your in-school coordinator.

ROSALIE'S SWING by Alys Jackson

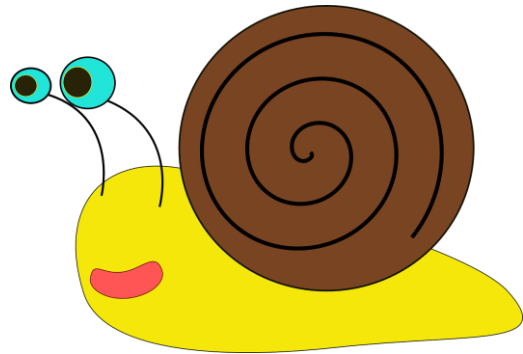
Rosalie's swing is
worn and rusted
with paint all peeling,
and both bars busted.
Old and forgotten,
its seats too rotten
to swing in,
swing in,
swing.

But
under
the swing





live snails
and a slug
and a red-bellied bug
in a home so snug
that
Rosalie's swing
all worn and rusted
with paint all peeling
and both legs busted,
old and rotten,
is **NOT** forgotten,
though better not to
swing in,
swing in,
swing.



THE END

Some poems create beautiful images that stick inside your mind. In Rosalie's swing I wanted the reader ... **YOU** ... to be able to picture the swing clearly. '*Old and rusted. Both legs busted.*' But some poems take this to a whole new level. These are called **CONCRETE POEMS** or **SHAPE POEMS**.



Concrete Poetry is a fancy term that describes poems that are also **WORD PICTURES**. They take many different forms. Here's one I wrote to show you what I mean.



This poem describes a bubble **AND** it's the same shape as a bubble. Cool, huh. In this example, the words form an outline around the outside of the object. Notice that I use lots of words that describe the bubble – *blue, shiny, soft*

So, now it's your turn.

1. Choose an animal or an object.
2. Think about what it looks like? Is it prickly or fluffy, rough or wet?
3. What is it doing? Creeping, crawling, pouncing, drifting ...
4. How does it make you feel?
5. Now draw a light outline of your chosen object or animal.

TIP: It's a good idea to draw in pencil so you can erase the shape when you've finished.

Now it's time to write your poem. It doesn't need to rhyme but it does need to fit inside your shape OR

*On
a moonlit
night with ice
and snow, I sit beneath
the mistletoe and wonder what
the day will bring and practice all the songs
we'll sing.*



round the outside of your shape. This might take some practice. 🤪🤪🤪!

TIP: You can change the **SIZE** of your writing to help make it fit.

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