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Introduction

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Instructions

1. Here is an example:

Silent
Object
Fluffy
To touch

What is the topic word? _____

2. Look at the topic word below. Write other words or phrases that tell about the topic word under each letter. Make sure each word begins with the same letter as the letter at the top of the column.

C	A	T
<i>cuddly</i>	<i>always active</i>	<i>timid</i>

3. Choose a word or phrase for each letter of the topic word from the table above or choose another word or phrase you like better. Use your word choices to write an acrostic for *cat*.

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1. Brainstorm a list of topic words. Write them in the space below.

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2. Choose a topic word above that has from three to six letters. Write the letters of the topic word across the columns, one letter for each column. Write as many words or phrases as you can think of that tell about the topic word under each letter. Make sure each word or phrase begins with the same letter as the letter at the top of the column.

3. Write an acrostic. Write your topic word down on the bold lines. (Your word can be from three to six letters long.) Choose a word or phrase for each letter of the topic word from those you listed in the table above. Then have a partner read your acrostic and tell the topic.

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1. Brainstorm a list of four- to seven-letter topic words. Write them in the space below. Circle the one you want to use to write an acrostic poem.

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2. Brainstorm as many words or phrases as you can think of that tell about your topic. Circle those that start with a letter in your topic. If necessary, use a thesaurus to find a synonym for a word that matches a letter in your topic.

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Acrostic Poetry

Shiny

Unbelievable

Nature's new beginning

Radiant

Iridescent

Sensational

Entrance to the day

Stunning

Unbelievable

Nature's palette

Shimmering

Exit of the sun

Terminates the day

