

# Today we are going to learn about different types of poetry.

## Acrostic poem

## Shape poem

### Animal poetry

#### The Elephant

One long trunk  
Four thick legs  
Two sharp tusks  
Thumping, plodding, crashing  
Wrinkled and noble  
Like a giant bulldozer  
Old man of Africa



This poem has a very simple structure, which can be copied to make a new poem.

One long trunk	Number, adjective, body part
Four thick legs	Number, adjective, body part
Two sharp tusks	Number, adjective, body part
Thumping, plodding, crashing	Three verbs
Wrinkled and noble	Two adjectives
Like a giant bulldozer	Simile
Old man of Africa	Statement

## Pattern poem





## African Animals

Giraffes are tall with necks so long

Elephants' trunks are big and strong

Zebras have stripes and can gallop away

While monkeys in the trees do sway.

Old crocodile swims in the pool so deep

Or lies in the sun and goes to sleep.

### Actions

#### Line

- 1 – Arms stretched above head, tiptoe
- 2 – Bend forward, arms down, hands together, swaying
- 3 – Gallop
- 4 – Move from "tree" to "tree", with swaying movements
- 5 – Lie on ground and swim
- 6 – Sleep.

Pick a poem type to  
create your own  
super animal poetry



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# Acrostic poetry

- Acrostic poetry is where the first letter in each line spells a word, usually using the same words as in the title.

**C**ruising down the road

**A**long the countryside

**R**ushing past the cows

**S**peeding in the sun



You could use one of these to  
create your own





# Shape poems

- Shape poems are written in the shape of whatever the poem is talking about!





the giraffe  
(giraffa camelopardalis)

is an African even-toed ungulate mammal, the tallest of all extant land-living animal species, and the largest ruminant. giraffes can be 16 to 18 feet tall and weigh up to 2000 lbs. giraffes have a very long neck, or a light yellow or brown neck with dark patches. They live on the savannah or in light woodland. They eat plants and small insects. They have a long black tongue. It can be up to 17.7 inches long.



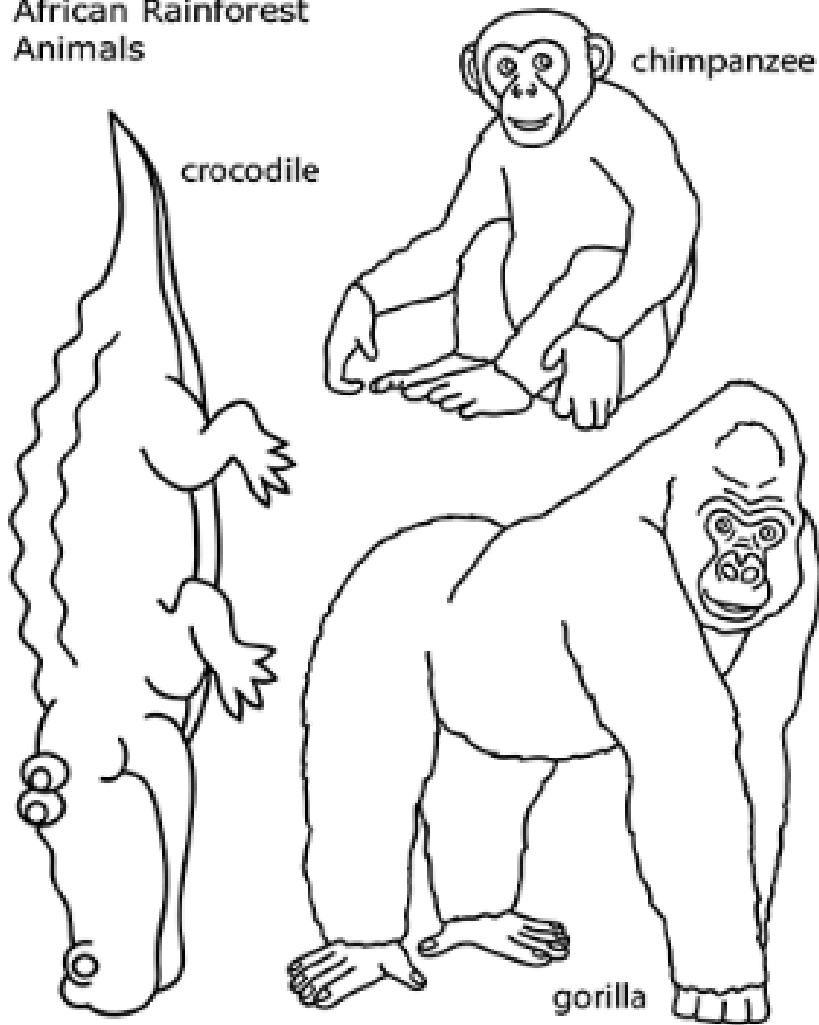
hop, worms, sing, robin, nest, eggs, fly, babies  
dig, swoop, pretty, yellow, orange, small, big  
downy, feathery.



OLIVER THE OCTOPUS  
UNDERNEATH THE SEA  
SWIMMING VERY SLOWLY  
LOOKING FOR HIS TEA  
MAKES A LITTLE BUBBLE  
GIVES A LITTLE GRIN  
"HI THERE, FISHES!  
COME ON IN."

These are  
some  
examples  
of animal  
shape  
poems

African Rainforest  
Animals



You might  
like to use  
one of these  
pictures or  
to create  
your own for  
your own  
shape poem.





# Poems with a simple structure

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*Statement*

You could also try this pattern poem following the format that is given.

Use the same structure to make up poems about other animals from the text.

# The Leopard



..... Number, adjective, body part

..... Number, adjective, body

..... Number, adjective, body part

..... Three verbs

..... Two adjectives

..... Simile

..... Statement

# The Lion



..... Number, adjective, body part

..... Number, adjective, body

..... Number, adjective, body part

..... Three verbs

..... Two adjectives

..... Simile

..... Statement



# Be creative!

- Pick one or more of the poem types and see if you can create your own animal poem or poems.
- Remember to use adjectives (describing words) to describe your animal.
- We look forward to seeing your results.