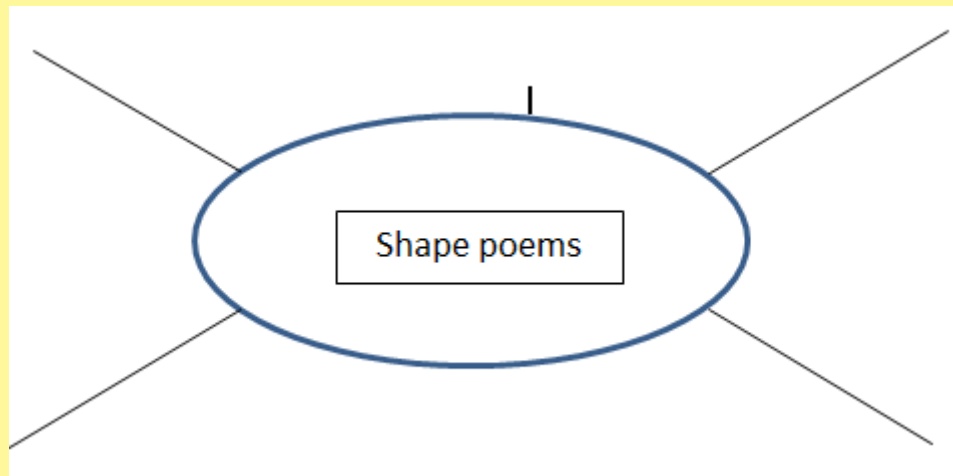


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Brainstorm – What is a shape poem? Record your ideas as a mind map in your books



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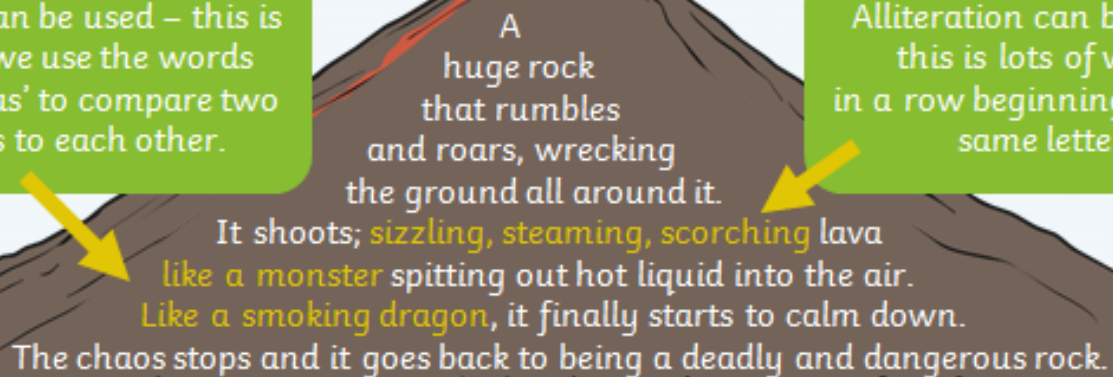
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The Features of a Shape Poem

Similes can be used – this is where we use the words 'like' or 'as' to compare two things to each other.

Alliteration can be used – this is lots of words in a row beginning with the same letter.



A
huge rock
that rumbles
and roars, wrecking
the ground all around it.
It shoots; **sizzling, steaming, scorching** lava
like a monster spitting out hot liquid into the air.
Like a smoking dragon, it finally starts to calm down.
The chaos stops and it goes back to being a deadly and dangerous rock.

Full stops and capital letters are used just like you would use in sentences.

Each line can be a different length or be curved to form the shape of the object that is being described.

The lines don't have to rhyme.

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Have a look at this example of a shape poem- can you spot any features?

Tangled in
twine from her head
to her toes, and twine is strewn to and fro. Tiny
paws are wrapped in twine. Tiny paws struggle
for an endless time. A perfect pet, that is for
sure, with no sound but a mere *purr*. Her
deeps blue eyes are full of desire, and her pea-
ceful nature should be admired. **You** think *How can*
you be so sure? As four **tiny** paws *pitter* on the floor. **With**
eyes that pierce the dark of **night** and tiny claws **as sharp**
as knives. With ears that pick up **every sound while** feet
land softly on the ground. With soft, thin **tails** that sway
all day and a nose that leads her the right **way**. With wh-
iskers that lead her everywhere and night vision that's
beyond compare. She is the one who's stolen your
heart, that ruthless little thief. A tiny thief, that is, that
walks on four silent feet. She sits, so cozy by your side. She
seems so content, but how can you tell if her mind is filled
with resent? She know she's set your love **af**lame, an
arsonist who escapes blame. She has **the most**
beautiful of blue eyes. But is she **planning your**
demise? But how could this cute and cunning
creature have such sinister, evil features? Yet you trust her love to be true and always
keep her near to you? You think that you own her, but you can't escape her lure. You're
under her spell, that is for sure. She might be taking advantage of you, so the real question
is: Who owns who?

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Your task is to read the shape poem and re-write it using different coloured pens/pencils that link to the different features listed in the key below.

"Raindrop"
A
drop
of rain is
like a sudden
knock at the door.
Unexpected, yet often
welcomed with a smile, it
can brighten your day or ruin
your plans. It can make you laugh
or make you sad. Whether the raindrop
is moving fast or slow, or is big or small,
it always gets everyone's attention. A rain-
drop contains many secrets. It is a bubble of
anticipation and surprise. It cleanses the earth,
it feeds the flowers, and fills the holes. The
raindrop is never silent. It bangs on the
roof, spatters on the window, or
splashes into a puddle.
A raindrop.

<u>Key</u>	
Shape poem Features	Colour
Shape	
Similes	
Alliteration	
Powerful adjectives/adverbs	
Senses	