

Formula Poem Directions

1. Choose your favorite activity, sport, or hobby as your topic.
2. Create a list of 10 ACTION verbs associated with your activity, sport, or hobby and write them below.

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3. Type a formula poem about this topic using the following criteria and the action verbs you listed above. Be sure to put commas in correct places.

Line 1: Subject
Line 2: Predicate
Line 3: Dependent Clause (A.K.A. subordinate clause).
Line 4: Independent clause (A.K.A. Simple sentence).
Line 5: Compound Sentence
Line 6: Complex Sentence
Line 7: Compound complex Sentence

Example

A bespectacled, salt and pepper haired woman
sings show tunes behind the counter.
Whenever we walk through the front door,
We race to place our orders.
I beat my sister to the front of the line, but I am too late.
Before we drove away from church, my baby sis made a call.
While I ask for a carmel latte, her turtle arrives, and I stealthily dip my finger in its
whipped cream topping.

Another example:

Line 1: A single, crystal teardrop
Line 2: slid slowly down her broken heart.
Line 3: If she could escape back to yesterday,
Line 4: she could avoid this acute ache.
Line 5: She speculated a future sorrow, but still she accepted the date.
Line 6: She gazed up into the flickering light where she saw her love once more.
Line 7: She looked in horror as he fell to his death, and she lost her love, Han
Solo forever.