

Printable Worksheets



Common Types of Poetry for Elementary Studies

THE SHAPE POEM

It's
cold outside.
I don't want to go
outdoors and play.
But mum says
I have to
anyway.
It's starting to snow
and I'm going to freeze -
brrrr... I hate playing outside on days like these.
brrrr... But wait a sec, I've had the
brrrr... most amazing, brilliant idea!
I'll cover myself up
with snow and I'll
hide in here!

Free Verse

Not all poems follow a rhyming pattern, and that's especially notable in free verse poetry. Instead, free verse tends to employ other writing tools such as assonance and alliteration. Free verse is often seen as less restrictive by many poets. T.S. Eliot is a poet known for mastering the free verse style.

HAIKU

A haiku is derived from Japanese roots with three non-rhyming lines. The haiku starts with a five-syllable line, followed by a seven-syllable, and ends with another five-syllable. While they most commonly discuss nature, haikus can be written about any subject and are very common for poetry on life.

Acrostic Poetry

Acrostic Poetry is a simple and fun way to get kids writing. Add the first letter of a small word and encourage them to write something they love or something that is humorous about the topic!

Limerick

If you've heard limericks associated with children's tales, that's due to their whimsical nature. They are short, usually tell a story, and are meant to be humorous. Their five lines follow an AABBA rhythm. The popularity of limericks has extended beyond hundreds of years, made especially as famous poetry in the 1800s by a British poet named Edward Lear.

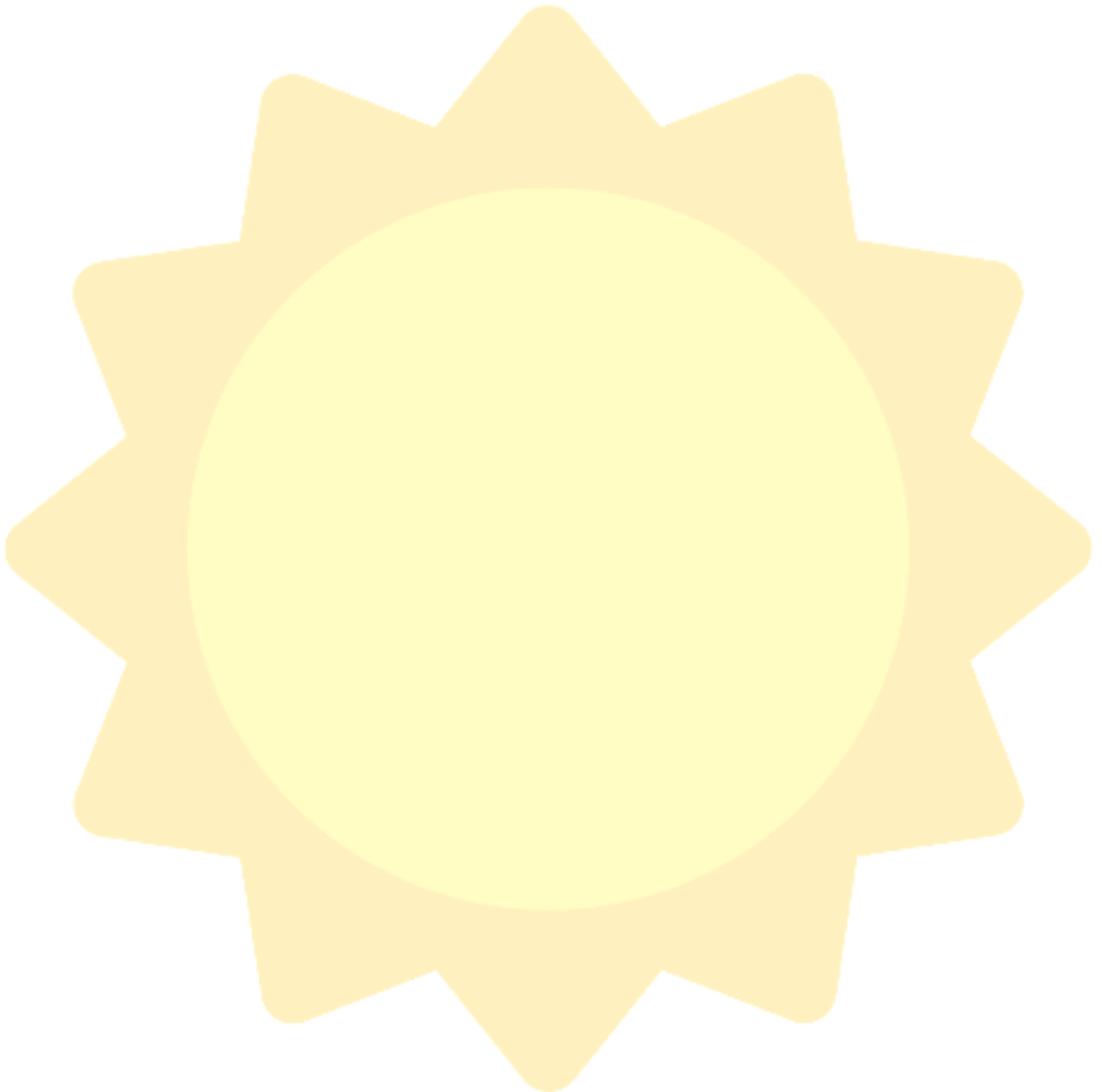
Ballad

Songs are often referred to as ballads, and for good reason! Ballad poems are often written to be sung and considering they are frequently love poems, they work well as beautiful songs. They usually contain refrains to be repeated (often known as the chorus in music), and they usually tell a story.

Elegy

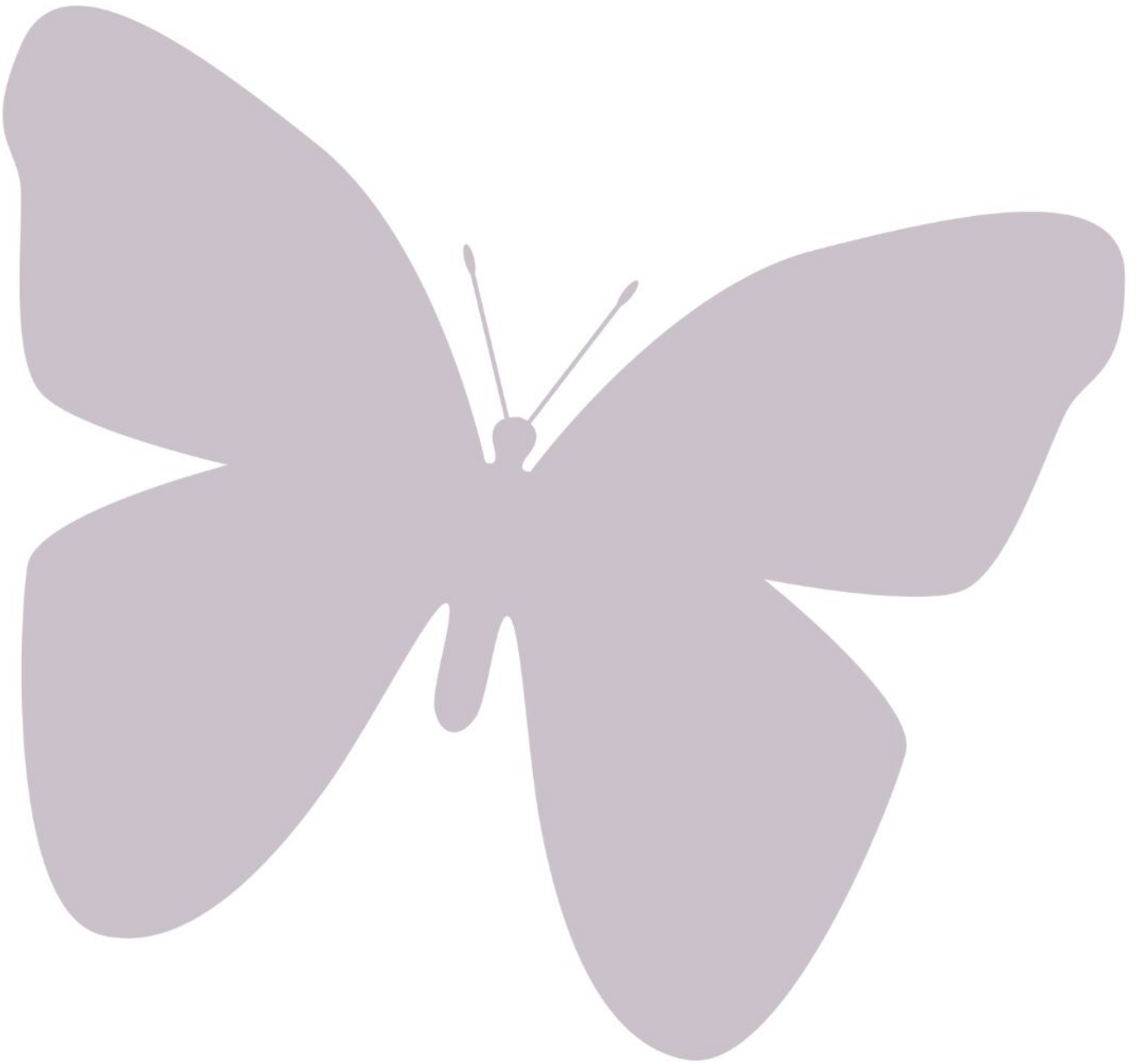
The elegy could possibly be considered the opposite of the limerick. Many poem styles are meant to be cheerful, but the elegy focuses on expressing sad emotions. Specifically, elegies have been popular through the years for lamenting the grief of loved ones. They tend to be most common at funerals, and can also be put to music.

Make a Shape Poem Using the Sun Theme



This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

CREATE YOUR OWN BEAUTIFUL HAIKU ABOUT A BUTTERFLY!



LIMERICK

5 LINE HUMOROUS POEM WITH
AABBA RHYMING

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ELEGY

5 LINE SAD POEM WITH AABBA
RHYMING

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THE BALLAD

POETRY AS SONG!

