

Verb-Advice Poems

Verbs are an important part of language. They can be very powerful and have the ability to convey any number of meanings and emotions. To demonstrate the significance of **action words**, you will be creating poems that offer advice in a way that uses verbs to their full potential (hopefully). Follow the following steps (and do them ONE AT A TIME) precisely for the assignment...

Step One: You will create an "advice" poem, but first, you need a title that follows the format "Things To Do _____". The first blank represents WHERE while the second blank represents WHEN. Examples of titles: "Things to do in the Yard When It's Snowing" or "Things to do in the Car on the Way to Arizona". Make your own title that fits this format.

Step Two: On the reverse side of this paper is a list of verbs. Choose around ten verbs that you think you could use for your subject matter.

Step Three: Each of your ten verbs will act as the first word in each of the ten lines of your poem. The rest of the poem line will depend on your title and what you want to convey. Create a 7-10 line poem (no syllable count or rhyme scheme required).

Step Four: You are creating **two** poems...repeat steps one through three!

Examples of Advice Poems:

Things To Do In A Forest On A Sunny Day

Dive into the thoughts of an old blackbird.
Stop and watch the light seeping through new leaves.
Fling away memories of work waiting to be done.
Capture pinecones falling from great heights.
Quench your thirst for the sun.
Save the memories of the place.
Embrace the beauty around you...or maybe just a tree!

Things To Do While Waiting For School To Start

Embrace the pages of a novel
Erase images of outside wonders
Pacify the crumpled papers in your desk
Ripple in and out of sleepiness
Retire the habit of chattering like a squirrel
Invent new ways to distract the teacher
Ride away on rolling pencils, ready for a new day.

VERBS

Laugh
Jump
Adjust
Entice
Hug
Nudge
Quench
Test
Whine
Simmer
Bring
Capture
Stop
Invent
Develop
Scribble
Act
Honor
Enlighten
Light
Turn
Carry
Follow
Taste

Climb
Cry
Break
Fret
Inspire
Open
Risk
Undergo
Touch
Cook
Allow
Fling
Erase
Throw
Plant
Wander
Sing
Convey
Project
Clean
Gravitate
Work
Instruct
Imagine

Run
Smell
Dry
Grieve
Meander
Pry
Simplify
Envision
Kindle
Ride
Embrace
Dive
Save
Entangle
Toss
Gaze
Pacify
Discover
Sweep
Bury
Collect
Lead
Observe
Smile