

List Poems

List poems use repetition and rhyme to create a pattern that is satisfying to hear. You will create your own list poem with the following guidelines:

Your poem must:

- *Include rhyme*
- *At least two couplets (rhymes in pairs)*
- *Include assonance, consonance, and alliteration*
- *Have a minimum of 12 lines*
- *Have a funny title*

As you prepare to write your poem, use the following information and exercises:

There are several types of repetition in poetry:

- **Alliteration:** Repeating sounds at the start of words
Alligators, ants, awesome armadillos, and an Arabian aadvark
- **Consonance:** Repeating consonant sounds that goes on for a line or two.
I asked the king if I could keep the crocodile that killed the
- **Assonance:** Repeating vowel sounds that goes on for a line or two.
Endless are the everlasting embers in the fire of everyman's life

To write a list poem, begin with a situation written in couplets (two lines that rhyme)

I went to the doctor. He looked at my tummy

It's gotten bigger since I became a mommy.

What do you eat? He asked as he tilted his head,

I thought hard and this is what I said:

Create a list of nouns that are strange or funny to include in the situation. Try to come up with groups of words that have similar sounds. Think of alliteration, assonance, and consonance as you write these lists:

- *Alliteration / Consonance P: Pickles, pennies, peanut butter, parrots, pumpkins*
- *Alliteration/ Consonance D: dogs, ding dongs, deer, donuts*
- *Alliteration/ Consonance: T: tacos, tortillas, tortellini, tequila, tostadas,*
- *Consonance: P: pancakes, empanadas, potatoes, apple, apricots, popcorn*
- *Assonance OO: drool, fool, cool,*
- *Assonance Ee: peel, eel, relief, steel,*
- *Consonance K: Rick, kiss, ache, tick tock, tack, Kate*

Next come up with adjectives that have similar sounds as the words in your list. You can use these adjectives to create repetition in the poem

- *P: Pink, precious, pretty, poor*
- *D: Delicious, delicate, dumb,*
- *A: angry, adorable, Arabian,*

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Now, write a few lines for your poem using some of the words in your lists. Use the adjectives to add description to your nouns. You don't have to use all the words in your lists. Add verbs and prepositional phrases to create fun sentences:

I like pickles, plump pumpkins, and peanut butter

Enjoy delicious delectable ding dongs and donuts

Finally, add a basic rhyme scheme to your poem. You can write in couplets (pairs of lines that rhyme) or create your own rhyme scheme. You may need to add some words to your lines so the rhymes make sense:

Mommy's Doctor Visit

1. *I went to the doctor. He looked at my **tummy***
2. *It's gotten bigger since becoming a **mommy**.*
3. *What do you eat? He asked, tilting his **head**,*
4. *And thinking hard, I finally **said**:*
5. *I like pickles, plump pumpkins, and peanut **butter**,*
6. *Enjoy delicious delectable ding dongs and donuts with my **daughter***
7. *Taste tacos, tortillas, tostadas, Tostitos with my **son***
8. *We don't stop until we are **done***
9. *Together it's better, don't save it for **later***
10. *Pass me those pancakes, empanadas, potatoes, call on the darn **waiter***
11. *Soon the doctor started to drool, he looked like a **fool***
12. *As I spoke of delicious, salacious salads, ice cream so **cool***
13. *He stopped me at last, as I described things that go **crunch***
14. *Saying, "It's time for us to munch, let's go to **lunch!**"*