**Acrostics**

1. ![C:\Users\gbb14102\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RUBQ2X70\MC900282290[1].wmf]()An acrostic poem is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a word or a message.

**P**erforming

**O**rating

**E**xpressing

**T**alking

**R**eciting

**Y**our own unique voice

1. When selecting a word or message for their acrostic poems, students may draw inspiration from a relevant topic of study or they may choose proper nouns.
2. Acrostics are easily adapted to a range of ages and stages. Lines can be made up of single words or whole sentences.

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**S**i amarillo,

**O**ro y brillante

**L**uz de la vida

Possible activities:

Ask learners to brainstorm words on a particular topic and to use dictionaries, word banks and glossaries to find the target language equivalents of these before they write their own poems.

Do a reading or listening comprehension exercise then ask students to highlight key words from the text/transcript that they could use in their acrostic poems.

Acrostics can have practical uses too. For example, student may create an acrostic aide-memoire for words that they have difficulty learning to spell.