Celebrate Poetry!

April is National Poetry Month.

It is time to celebrate poetry. Poetry is a type of writing that lets people express, or show, their emotions. Some poems rhyme, and some do not.

This month, everyone can take part in the fun. Many people will go to poetry readings to hear poets read their work. Kids will read and write poems in school too.

In this issue, you will learn about three types of poems. Then write a poem of your own!

A Two-Line Poem

A couplet is a poem that has only two lines. The last words in each line rhyme.

Spring Blossoms
When rain comes down in drippity drops,
Umbrellas go up with poppity pops.
-Marie E. Cecchini

An Acrostic Poem

In an acrostic poem, each line describes a topic word. Each letter of the word starts a new line. This poem about spring uses the letters in the word spring to begin each line.

Spring

Sunny days are coming.
Pretty birds chirp early in the morning.
Rain falls from the sky.
Insects buzz and crawl.
New baby animals take their first steps.
Green grass grows, and flowers bloom!
-Nicole Diaz

A Four-Line Poem

A quatrain is a poem that has four lines. The last words in the second and fourth lines must rhyme. Write the two words in the poem that rhyme.

Sunflower

Leaves of green,
Petals so bright,
It grows quite tall.
A beautiful sight!
-Rachelle Kreisman
1. When is National Poetry Month?

2. How many lines are in a couplet?

3. Is the poem below an acrostic poem? Why or why not?

Movies are fun.
Only in the Dark.
Making popcorn is the best part of a movie.
4. What is this passage mostly about?

5. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

A couplet has two lines, _______ a quatrain has four.

A. because
B. but
C. so

6. What can people use to express themselves?