

Imagine that you are preparing a project with your friend. You have found some interesting material for the presentation and you want to read this text to your friend. You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, then be ready to read it out aloud. You will not have more than 1.5 minutes to read it.

A poem is a type of writing in which the poet chooses and arranges words to convey strong emotions through meaning, sound and rhythm. A simple way to recognize a poem is by its structure. Poetry has certain structural elements that are different from prose. How a poet structures a poem can affect the poem's meaning. Every poem has lines, which are rows of words. Unlike sentences, lines in a poem do not always follow rules of capitalization and punctuation. Poets may create their own patterns of capitalization to emphasize certain words in relation to the poem's meaning. Lines in a poem are often broken up into stanzas, or groups of lines set apart by spaces. Stanzas are somewhat like paragraphs in prose. Each stanza fits into the overall structure of a poem. Poets may use more than one stanza to develop their ideas or theme. They may also break lines and stanzas to get the reader's attention.