

Clerihew Poems

A clerihew poem is a funny poem about someone. They could be someone you know or a character from a book or movie.

Here is an example to get you started.

This is a poem about my teacher,

Write who the poem is about at the end of line 1.

She really is a funny creature.

The last word in line 2, rhymes with the name in line 1.

While teaching us she has perfected,

She'd forget her head if it wasn't connected!

The last words of lines 3 and 4 rhyme.

Clerihew poems don't have to be real and you can use a word that nearly rhymes, particularly if it makes your poem funny.

You need to be careful that the poem isn't going to hurt someone else's feelings so always ask for help if you are unsure.

Let's write a Clerihew Poem.

1. Start by choosing who your poem is going to be about.
2. Brainstorm some facts about them and words you could rhyme with their name.
3. Now let's turn your ideas into a poem! This part might get messy as you change your ideas to improve your work.

Words that rhyme with their name.

Who is the poem about?

1. _____

Write who the poem is about at the end of line 1.

2. _____

The last word in line 2, rhymes with the name in line 1.

3. _____

4. _____

The last words of lines 3 and 4 rhyme.
