

POETRY FOR KIDS

RIDDLE

A riddle poem gives clues about something without naming it. The reader tries to guess what the poem is describing.

How to Write a Riddle Poem

A riddle poem is a fun poem that gives clues about an object, animal, or person without saying what it is. The reader has to guess the answer!

1. Choose a Secret Subject

Pick something familiar, like an animal, a food, or something in nature.

2. Describe It with Clues

- Use adjectives to describe what it looks like, sounds like, or feels like.
- Tell what it does or how it moves.
- Use similes (comparison words like as or like), such as:
 - I am as soft as a pillow!

3. Make It Rhyme (If You Want!)

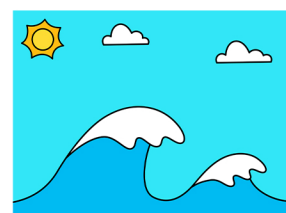
You can write your clues in short lines that rhyme, but it's okay if they don't!

4. End with a Question

Finish by asking, What am I?

EXAMPLE

Question: I have no feet, but I can run,
I shine brightly in the sun.
I touch the sand, I touch the sky,
Watch me go—whooshing by!
What am I?



Answer: The Ocean!