

How to Make a Magnetic Poetry Set

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Whether it's in your locker, on your friend's refrigerator, or at the local coffee shop, you've probably seen magnetic poetry sets—those sets of word magnets that can be used to write sentences, poems, and stories. Now it's time to make your own.

1. Start by coming up with 100 appropriate and creative words as follows:

• **30 nouns**

Nouns are words that name a person, place, or thing. Examples include *Stacy*, *Mars*, and *chair*.

• **30 verbs**

Verbs are words that show action that is currently happening, happened sometime in the past, or will happen in the future. For example, you could say that you *are walking* to the store now, *walked* to the store yesterday, or *will walk* to the store in a few minutes. You could also say that you *walk* to the store every day.

• **15 adjectives**

Adjectives are words that describe a noun by telling the quality, quantity, or how it might be different from other nouns. Examples include a *funny* joke, a *few* pages, and a *small, pink* poodle.

• **15 adverbs**

Adverbs describe verbs by describing how, when, or where the verb happened. Examples include walking *slowly*, talking *often*, or dancing *nearby*.

• **5 exclamations or interjections**

Exclamations and interjections are words or phrases that show strong feeling and are ended by an exclamation point, such as *Wow!*

• **5 articles or conjunctions**

Articles are words that combine with and limit nouns, such as *a*, *an*, and *the*. Conjunctions are words that connect other words, such as *and*, *or*, and *but*.

If you are having trouble thinking of words, look in your favorite books, magazines, and websites. Try to find words that are interesting and maybe a little unfamiliar, along with some that you know really well.

2. Type your list in Times New Roman font, bold-faced, size 14. Double space between the lines of words, and tab between each word to be sure that there is enough space to cut the words out.

If you are going to print the words onto colored paper (a different color for each part of speech), make a separate page for nouns, verbs, etc., and be sure to label the part of speech at the top of each page.

3. Spell check and then print your work on card stock or paper. If you use paper, you might want to laminate it if you have access to a laminating machine. If not, glue the paper to card stock after printing.

4. Cut the words out and, if you have magnetic tape, stick them to it. Be sure that the entire word is backed by tape.