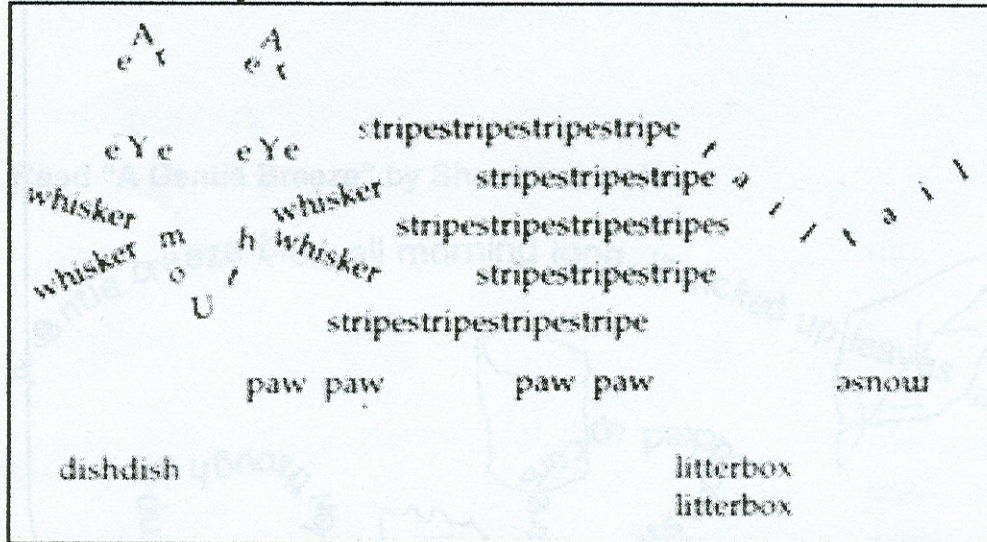


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## Poetry Worksheet #2: Concrete Poetry

Concrete poetry is poetry where the shape and arrangement of the words are important to the meaning of the poem.

### Concrete Cat by Dorthi Charles:



Why do you think the author chose to make the "A" in ear capitalized?

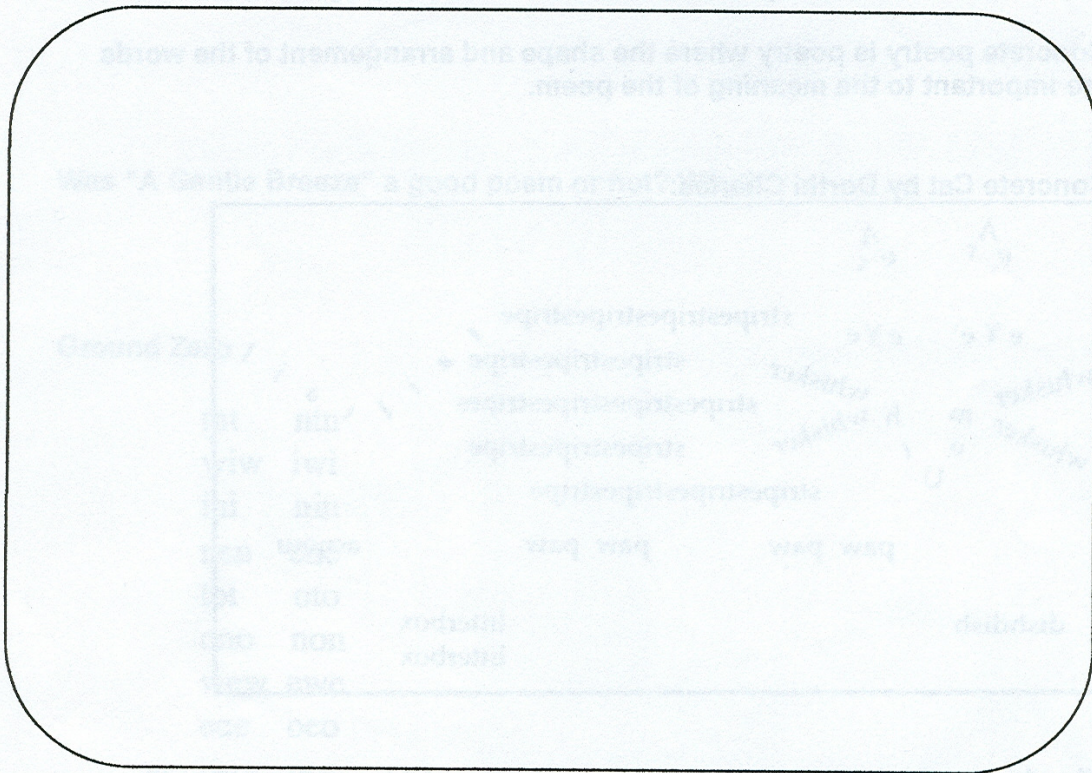
Why do you think the "mouse" is upside down?

Does writing a poem in this way make the poetry better or worse? Why? Explain your answer.

Think of five different things that could be described using the same style of concrete poetry as the one in Concrete Cat?



Describe an animal or an object using concrete poetry like that in Concrete Cat.



### An Airplane Takeoff

to touch is ready  
the plane the sky

the wings  
the nose held high  
steady

a sputter  
click to roar  
a shudder  
flick to soar  
a burst



In two to three complete sentences, what were you reminded of when you read "A Gentle Breeze?"

Was "A Gentle Breeze" a good poem or not? Why?

### Ground Zero

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After looking at this poem, what do you think it is about?

Do you think that this poem is effective in making a point?

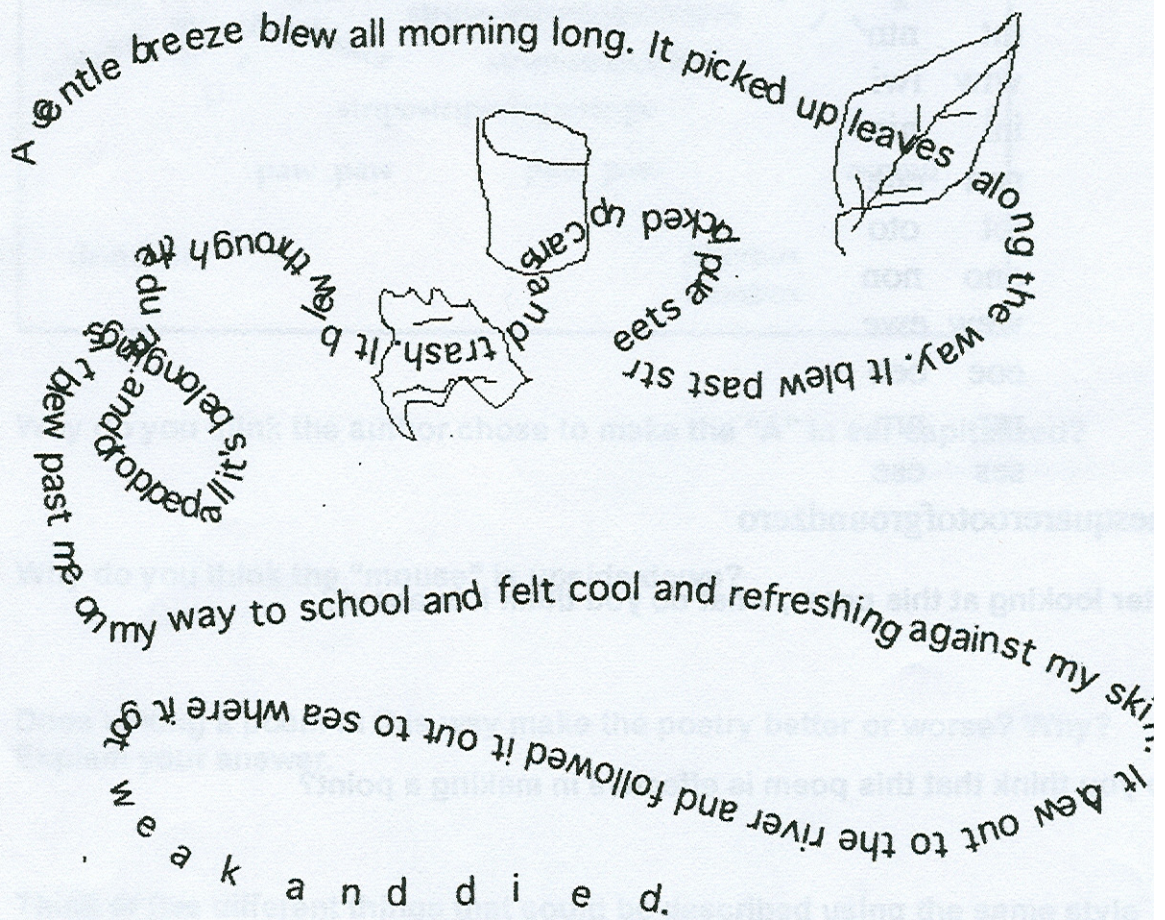
\* On a separate piece of paper try writing a concrete poem. When you are done staple it to this packet.



How does the poem "An Airplane Takeoff" create a sense of movement?

What can you think of that can also describe movement as a poem?

Read "A Gentle Breeze" by Shannon Lea K.



A CONCRETE POEM by Shannon Lea K.

Text of the poem is typed below.

A gentle breeze blew all morning long. It picked up leaves (written on a leaf) along the way. It blew past streets and picked up cans (written on a can) and trash (written on a piece of trash). It blew through the dump and dropped all its belongings. It blew past me on my way to school and felt cool and refreshing against my skin. It blew out to the river and followed it out to sea where it got weak and died.