

GIGGLEIT PROJECT



Shape Poems

In a shape poem the theme or subject of the poem dictates the form or shape of the poem. Poetry is meant to be read aloud and these poems often use sounds to create images for the reader. This poem is about a pet snake. Note the use of the 's' sound and the shape of the poem. A famous use of sound in a story is Rudyard Kipling's description of the river in his story the Elephant's child. It goes: "... the great, grey, green, greasy Limpopo River..." Note how the sounds and lengthening of the words creates a mind picture for the reader.

Country: Australia

Title: Arnold

Slithery
 Sliddery
 Slinky and
 Inky my
 Pet snake
 Called Arnold
 Is driving me
 Blinky.
He
 Lies in my
 Lunchbox
 And eats
 All my **smarties**
 Then calmly
 Announces
 He wants
Green
 Frog **tarties**.

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Explanatory note: The shape of the poem looks like a snake and the author has used the "s" sound (alliteration) to emphasise the "snakey" theme.



Glossary of terms	
smarties	multi-coloured, chocolate candy covered with a hard crunchy outer layer
tarties	tarts - small fruit pies