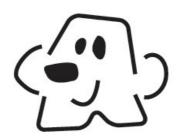
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Shape Poems

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