Alliteration, Assonance, Alphabet, List

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   5 lines minimum 6 syllables each

2. Write five examples of assonance
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   a. select a letter of the alphabet, look at it, let its appearance suggest images and ideas, and write them down. (at least 10 lines)
   b. use the letters a-z or z-a as the first letters of the 26 words in the poem
   c. begin every word (or almost every word) in a line beginning with the same letter. (at least 10 lines)
   d. a 26 line poem, each line beginning with the next letter

4. List Poem (or “catalog poem”) – Title this poem
   a. can be any length, rhymed or unrhymed
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   c. you may choose to
      i. itemize the qualities of a loved one
      ii. present a series of events or activities
         1. things you do at home
         2. things you do at school
         3. etc
Examples of Alliteration and Assonance

Alliteration:

Bobby Brown bought bags and bags bulging with brownies.

Dozens of dogs dig down to dissipate the dreary doldrums.

Few fans forget fabulous fights from Flushing.

Assonance:

I saw it in an igloo in Indiana.

At home I load the moat so my boat can float on foam.

James Bond was on a crouton riding a frond in a pond.
Examples of Alphabet Poems

• Image of a letter

who are you, little i

(five or six years old)
peering from some high

window at the gold
of november sunset

and feeling: that if day
has to become night

this is a beautiful way

e. e. cummings
Examples of Alphabet Poems

• A-Z or Z-A

Zachary yelled x-rays
while Valerie unkindly tore sweatsocks,
running quickly
passing objectionable nitwit money
laughing & killing;
Janet’s illness hastily got funny,
especially delirious
causing beautiful amnesia.

-Kismani Andrade
Examples of Alphabet Poems

• Every line begins with the same letter

Ann announced an aardvark accidentally ate another awkward aardvark.
Barry banned Beaker Bean’s banker bat.
Cats courageously cooked canned, cut dogs.
Debonnaire Darcy danced delightfully to death.

Etc.
Examples of Alphabet Poems

A view of the sunrise is
Beautiful to anyone who sees it,
Covering the earth with the rays of
Daylight.
Every morning starts with the
Future ahead,
Glowing brightly.
Heather
Is
Just awestruck by the
Kindness that appears from the
Lake as steam rises.
Mornings in
Nature
Often inspire those who are
Present.
Quiet
Reflections in today’s
Society are hard
To come by,
Unless we are
Vigilant and look for opportunities.
Winter mornings on
Xmas lead
You to your own
Zen.

-Buster Maginn
Examples of List Poems

“The Grocer’s Children”

The grocer’s children
eat day-old bread
moldy cakes and cheese,
soft black bananas
on stale shredded wheat,
weeviled rice, their plates
heaped high with wilted
greens, bruised fruit
surprise treats
from unlabeled cans,
tainted meat.
The grocer’s children
never go hungry.

-Herbert Scott

“A True Refrigerator Door Story”

Dear Dad,

While Mom and I are gone
please do not forget to:

feed the mice
change the frogs’ water
fix my bike
water the cactus on my desk
tape the Simpsons
buy more baseball cards
take out the trash
recycle your beer cans

Love, James
Age 8

-Carol Jago
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