



## Poetry

A **Concrete Poem** has words arranged in the shape of the thing it describes.



### Literary Elements

**Figurative Language** uses words to evoke mental images.

**Alliteration** is the repetition of the same consonant sound in a series of words.

# Light Bulb

Thomas Edison didn't hesitate to let ideas incubate, and try again, if they weren't right. One day to his intense delight, he **squeezed** his thoughts into a bulb and then turned on the light  
light  
light  
!!!

Edison didn't really squeeze his thoughts into a bulb. This figurative language helps the reader picture how hard Edison was thinking.

— Joan Bransfield Graham

# Lightning Bolt

NEWS FLASH!

BEN  
FRANKLIN  
USES  
KITE & KEY  
TO UNLOCK  
ELECTRICITY!

This use of “kite” and “key” is an example of alliteration.

— Joan Bransfield Graham

## Connect and Compare



1. Which words in “Lightning Bolt” show figurative language?  
**Figurative Language**
2. What do the shapes of these poems have to do with their topics? **Analyze**
3. How is the information presented in “Lightning Bolt” similar to the information in *How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning*? In what ways is it different? **Reading/Writing Across Texts**



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# Write a Book Review

## Writer's Craft

### A Strong Opening

Good writers start with a **strong opening**. They may lead with an interesting question, quotation, or description.



I started with a strong opening question.

I wanted to recommend a book I liked, so I answered the question.

## Kids' Bright Ideas

by Katie G.

Do you dream of being a great inventor? Then read Invented by Kids by Cynthia Mills. You'll find out about some great ideas by kids. The Auto-Off Candle goes out after a set time. A natural poison wards off mosquitoes while being safe to use in an animal's drinking water.

If you like experimenting with new ideas, I recommend this book. These inventors inspired me. You'll be inspired, too!



## Your Turn

Think about a book you have read recently. Would you recommend it to others? Write a book review. Briefly summarize the book. Tell why a reader will or won't enjoy it. Begin with a strong opening. Use the Writer's Checklist to check your writing.



## Writer's Checklist

- Ideas and Content:** Will my **strong opening** grab my readers' attention?
- Organization:** Did I summarize the book and include details about it?
- Voice:** Did I make my feelings clear?
- Word Choice:** Did I choose precise words?
- Sentence Fluency:** Did I avoid choppy writing by including both short and long sentences?
- Conventions:** Did I capitalize the main words in the book title? Did I underline the title? Did I check my spelling?