

National WRITING Day

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make a list, opposite, of six random words. Think of fun ways to generate your words. For example, open a book on any page and take the first word you read; turn on the TV or radio and use the first word you hear; say the first thing you see out of a window...
- Once you have six words, roll one dice. Whatever number it lands on, use the corresponding word in your list as the basis to write your first line of poetry.
- Now you need to replace the word you just used in the list with a new random word.
- Roll the dice again. Use the corresponding word in the second line of your poem.
- Repeat this process as many times as you like until you have a completed draft poem.

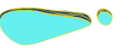
Roll the dice

An accessible writing activity by poet John Berkovitch that uses random words and number generation to inspire creativity.



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2.
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4.
5.
6.

Don't forget to replace each word you use with another randomly generated word.



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