

# Poet's Corner



**You light up when you  
Hear your native tongue  
We also light up!**

**You see with your eyes  
Blind people who touch to 'see'  
'See' with their fingers.**

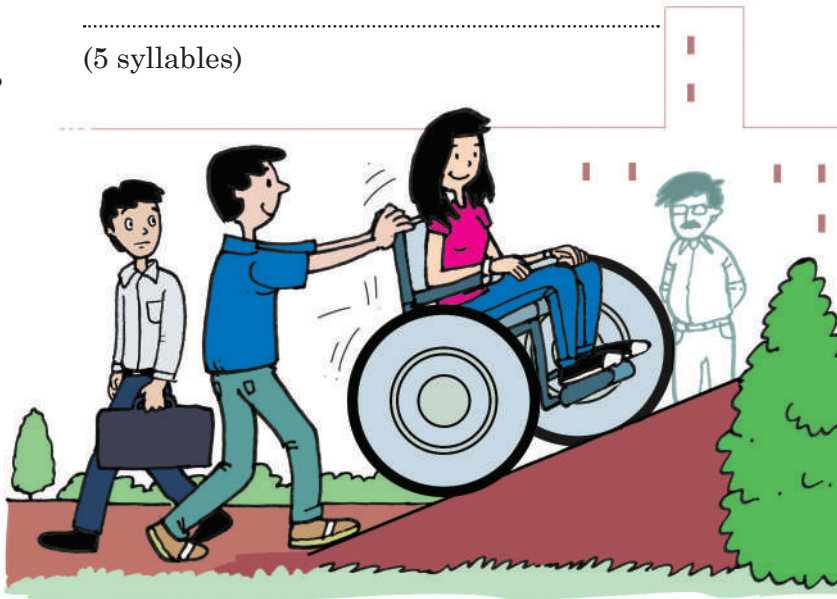
Now you write some of your own... Make sure you count the number of syllables in each line. Remember, syllables are not words. Count the number of syllables in your line by clapping.

5 syllables in line 1  
7 syllables in line 2  
5 syllables in line 3

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(5 syllables)

.....  
(7 syllables)

.....  
(5 syllables)



Do you know what a syllable is? It is a part of a word that contains only one vowel sound. You can count the number of syllables in a word by clapping for every vowel sound. For example, for the word September, you would clap three times. Sep-tem-ber.

Try clapping for a few more words.  
Vegetable (ve-ge-ta-ble) Lollipop (lol-li-pop)  
Banana (ba-na-na) Television (te-le-vi-sion)  
How many times did you clap for each word?

Now that you know what a syllable is, let's write some haikus. Haikus are 3-liners that have a 5-7-5 syllable scheme.

**Worried about stares? (5)  
I worry about stairs too (7)  
Let us climb the ramp (5)**

Try one more on poster paper. Illustrate and frame your work. Have fun, young poets!

Now that you have warmed your poetic muscles, let's try one more kind of poem. Do you know what an Acrostic is? It is a poem where the first letter of every line spells out a word. Let's read one written by a student of DPS Pune, on the word DIVERSITY.

**Different  
Individuals  
Valuing  
Each other  
Regardless of  
Skin or Social strata  
Intellect or Impairment  
Talents or Theology  
Years or Y-chromosome**

Do you see how the first letter of every line spells out the word 'Diversity'? Clever, isn't it?

Now try one of your own. Pick a word and write it from top to bottom. Then describe something about that word in each line. If you can't think of a word, pick one from this list.

ASSIST, CANE, DREAM, FUN.

Do you want to really challenge yourself? Try TOLERANCE or REHABILITATION.

Poets who illustrate their poems have the most fun! Go ahead decorate and colour your creative genius when you can.