

Workshop 6: Good Sports**Quick Project**
Winning!

Winning isn't everything—or is it?

Project: Write an acrostic poem about winning.

Procedure

1. **Understand acrostic poems.** Acrostic poems use the letters of a word to tell thoughts about that word. Each letter of the word gets its own line. Here's an example:

Shining
Twinkling
At night
Reaching out
Silent and beautiful

Notice how the first letters of each line spell the word “Stars,” from top to bottom.

2. **Pick your word and brainstorm ideas.** Decide which word you would like to use: *win*, *winner*, *winning*. Imagine you've won a game, a contest, or something else. How do you feel? List words or phrases that describe the feeling or event. Don't worry about the poem right now—just write whatever comes into your head.
3. **Set up.** Write one letter of your word from top to bottom on a piece of paper. Write in pencil so you can easily make changes.
4. **Write your poem.** Are there any words in your notes that you can use in your poem? Remember, you're looking for words or groups of words that start with the letters in your word. Need help getting started? Try using “Wonderful feeling” for your first line. The rest is up to you!