

Focus

- Fellowship
- Reflection

When

Day or night

Where

Any outdoor setting

Group Size

3 or more players

Ages

10 and up

What You Need

Paper, pencils

Folding Poem

What to do

You'll create a shared poem, line by line, inspired by a recent experience in nature, like a wander in the woods, a riverside ramble or spotting rare species. But here's the twist, each person only sees part of the poem as they write!

How to Play

Form teams of 3 or 4 people.

Give each team one pencil and a sheet of paper.

What's your inspiration

Choose a shared experience as your poetic inspiration: A walk in the countryside, a campsite moment, a special tree, a bird encounter, etc.

Begin writing

- **Person A** writes the first line of the poem. Pass the paper to Person B.
- **Person B** writes two lines: one responding to A's line, and one building on it. Then fold the paper so only the second line is visible to Person C.
- **Person C** reads the line they can see and writes two more lines. Then fold the paper again so only their second line is visible.
- **Person A** sees that final visible line and writes the poem's closing line.

A	_____
B	_____
fold	
B	_____
C	_____
fold	
B	_____
C	_____

Why it's great

Each person only sees a sliver of the poem, but because you're writing from a shared moment in nature, the poems often feel connected. It's creative, collaborative and fun!

Perform your poem

Now unfold and read your group poem aloud! When every group is done (about 10 minutes), gather together and take turns reading the poems out loud.



Tips

- You can play this with more than 4 people! Just pass the paper around so each player sees only the last line written. The person who starts it also finishes it.
- Want to keep the inspiration flowing? Why not post your poems on social media.



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