

Mad-Lib Style Poetry

A Vocabulary Exercise Using Rhyming
Word Pairs and Definition

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Instructions

1. Choose 2 or more pairs of rhyming words

Example:

secede and proceed; accessible and processible

2. Determine the part of speech for each word.

Example:

secede (verb)

proceed (verb)

accessible (adjective)

processable (adjective)

3. A complete sentence has a subject and a predicate. Choose words from the remaining parts of speech to form a complete sentence for each word chosen.

Example:

Secede is a verb. A subject (noun or pronoun) will be needed to complete the sentence. Example: I secede.

Accessible is an adjective. A subject (noun or pronoun) and a verb will be needed to complete the sentence. Example: You weren't accessible.

4. Write a poem where every other line ends with one of the chosen words and the adjacent lines replace the word with an abbreviated form the words definition in the same location in the sentence. Each pair and their definitions will form one stanza.

Example:

Line 1 sentence using first word definition from rhyming pair a

Line 2 sentence using first word from rhyming pair a

Line 3 sentence using second definition from rhyming pair a

Line 4 sentence using second word from rhyming pair a

Line 5 sentence using first word definition from rhyming pair b

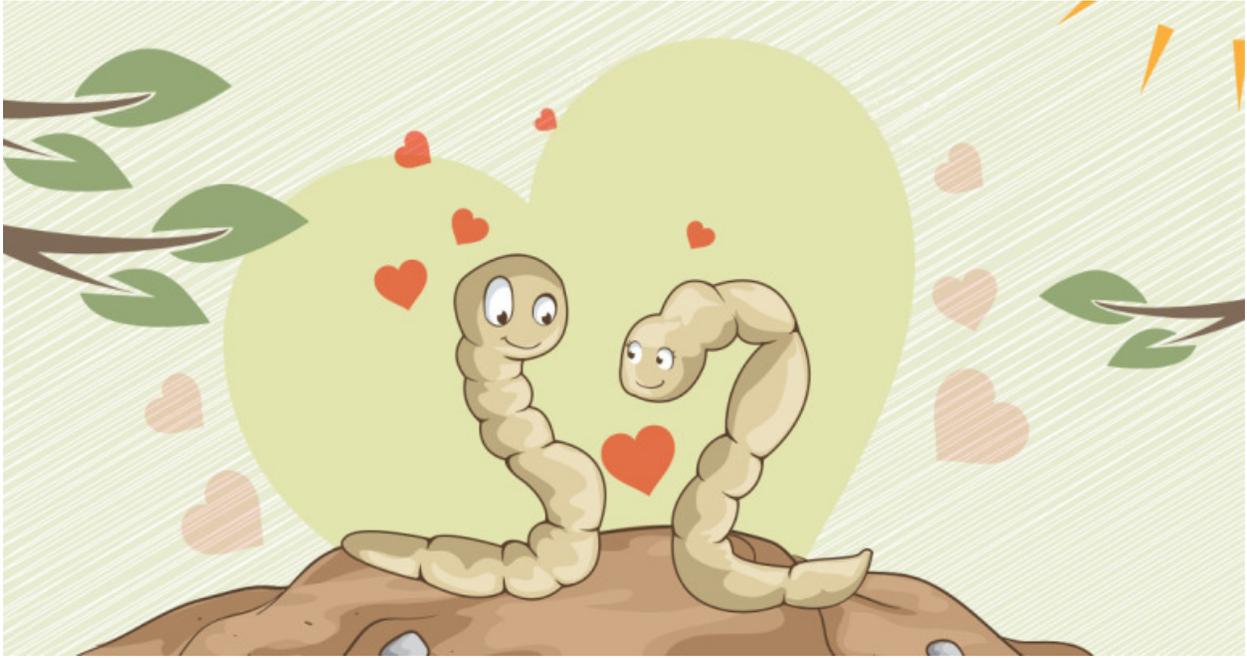
Line 6 sentence using first word from rhyming pair b

Line 7 sentence using second definition from rhyming pair b

Line 8 sentence using second word from rhyming pair b

Example Poem

Word pairs proceed/secede and accessible/processible.



I go forward, after stopping.

I proceed.

You break away from me.

You secede.

You weren't easily approached.

You weren't accessible.

Your tummy could be subjected to a series of actions that yield change.

Your tummy was processable.