# OUT OF THE BOX
## POETRY QUICKWRITES

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**Creative Ways to Use the Unit:**

- **Traditional Method:** Choose 4 students a limited time frame in w...
- **Extra Challenge Method:** Inc... Challenges.
- Take it to the next level by using ... vocabulary words.
- Require students to use their dict... unfamiliar words.
- Ask volunteers to read their poem... randomly choose one of the volu... the champ pick the next set of w...
- Use three of the Dive Deep Wo... Word Strip. This can serve as a ... writing exercise!
- Try giving students more time the... them to really explore their idea...
- Have an Out of the Box conte... winner can come up with their ...
- As a homework assignment, ask... your class "vessel."
- Decorate a bulletin board using ... with the poems your class has wr...
- Use the blank cards to come up ... a class novel.
- Have students work in cooperati... have them write a group poem ... about a specific book, theme, or ...
- If you can think of other ways to ... your ideas.

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## Seahorse and Starfish Word Strips

dashing, dimension, gasping, twilight, flimsy, impossib..., flight, race, apple, rose

woman, banish, message, protect, culture, feeble, cure, second..., relief, destina...

chimes, quote, page, mountai..., bridge, planet, necess..., whisp..., cattl..., footp...

murmu..., deny, sail, defen..., multi..., enthus..., loss, trans..., groun..., rope

golden, earthquake, feather, object, hostile, sense, pursuit, fleece, haunt, inquisitive

mythical, territory, overwhelm, embroider, curious, haven, injure, spell, unbearable, distant

mystical, stage, bluebird, sulk, power, quality, puzzle, harbor, destroy, harsh

anguish, suggest, important, relief, magnet, fleeting, remember, descriptive, suspense, candle

staircase

soul, pebble, messy, poetry, musical, haunted, elves, tiger, discover, possiblity

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## Dive Deep Adjectives and Adverb Strips

dazzling, delicate, heavenly, fierce, nondescript..., elegant, childlike, imaginary, mysterious, enchanted

defiantly

loving, fragile, free, dusty, astonishin..., murky, valuable, weary, petite, placid

carefully, recklessly, eagerly, unbearably, loudly, patiently, valiantly, anywhere..., commonl..., accidental...

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## Treasure Chest Challenge Strips

- Include a metaphor.
- Include a simile.
- Include personification.
- Include a hyperbole.
- Include onomatopoeia.
- Include rhyme scheme.
- Include alliteration.
- Include repetition.
- Include a symbol.
- Include imagery.
- Write a concrete poem.

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## Out of the Box Poetry Quickwrites

You will love the wonderful poetry quickwrite your students will write by using this versatile poetry quickwrite method. It is a surefire way to get your students to move out of their comfort zones and think "out of the box." There are many ways to use these fun but challenging quickwrites!

**Contents:**

*The only difference between the Starfish and Seahorse Word Strips is the design.

**Overview:**

The concept is simple: assign you students 4 words that they have to use in a poem. Give them 5 or 10 minutes to write and enjoy seeing the sparks fly!

The words may seem random, but they are carefully chosen to inspire imagery and imagination. Many have multiple meanings. Since verbs and nouns work best, the **Seahorse and Starfish Word Strips** include few adjectives. It is best to start this way, because when given an adjective, students will often take the easy route and instantly link it to one of the given nouns. This just results in strange poems about fluffy bridges or timid skyscrapers!

At the beginning, I prohibit rhyming poems. It's just a personal preference. I feel that allowing rhyming just results in forced rhyming, which I call the "I love my puppy as much as my puppy" phenomenon.

Begin by printing the strips you can print on cardstock, or paper, or you can even print them on paper and laminate them. Then you will cut out the **Seahorse and Starfish Word Strips** and place them in a box, or as I sometimes call it, a vessel. I use a decorative box, and students are very enthusiastic when they see me pull it out!

**Treasure Chest Word Strips** are the challenge strips requiring students to either include a specific literary device or write a certain form of poetry. I keep these in a separate box. I don't always use them, but when I do I sometimes present them as a "choice challenge," for purpose of differentiation.

**Dive Deep Word Strips** are strips composed entirely of adjectives and adverbs. They can be used in conjunction with the other strips or they can be used alone for interesting descriptive poems.

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