

Magic Square Poem Game

Instructions:

- 1) Collect some words! Fill **all** of the squares below.* Some ways you can do this:
 - Flip through the dictionary/any book and select words at random
 - Ask other people in your household to contribute a word (s)
 - Think of all your favorite words!
 - Any combination of the above

* Note: As a modification, younger participants may fill nine squares instead of sixteen. Utilize squares with bolded lines.

Magic Square Rules:

- 1) Copy all of the letters down onto a separate piece of paper, like you are making a shopping list. You can copy the words from left to right or top to bottom.
- 2) You must now write a poem using ALL of the words you have copied from the magic square! You must also use them in the ORDER you copied them, but you can start from the beginning of the list or the bottom.
- 3) You can write as many words between one listen word to another or you can write fewer. Up to you! Just don't recopy the list and call it your poem 😊
- 4) You can change verb tenses and adjust plural and singular words!
- 5) If you don't know a definition for any of the words inside of the square, DON'T look it up until AFTER you complete your magic square poem. As you are writing, if you don't know what a word means, make it up! This exercise is 100% about playing with language and what better way to play with language than make it new!
- 6) Does this have to make sense? **NO**. The most important thing here is that you have fun and experiment with language!