

**Lerner**



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# List-Poem Activity

Lists are everywhere: shopping lists, to-do lists, wish lists, gratitude lists—the list goes on!  
If you're a list-lover like me, have fun turning your lists into poems!

## TOP TEN LIST-POEM TIPS FOR TEACHERS

1. **Topic:** pick a topic that you're passionate about.
2. **Timer:** set a timer for two minutes and brainstorm a list of words or phrases you associate with your chosen topic.
3. **Circle:** circle your favorite words or phrases, and
  - A) Build upon them using sensory language: what do your words feel, hear, smell, see, taste like? Make them as concrete as possible.
  - B) Sample synesthesia (sin-es-THEES-yah): does your word smell like a sound? Does it taste like a texture?
4. **Theme:** do your words have a common theme that you want to emphasize?
5. **Mood:** what is your poem's tone? Angry? Funny? Sad? Ironic? Choose words to thread that mood through.
6. **Structure:** is there a beginning, middle, end, or does your poem have a shape?
7. **Re-arrange:** edit and experiment with words, line order and line length.
8. **Play with punctuation:** is your list numbered? Does it begin at the end, or ask/answer a question? Have fun with cross-outs, or ADD-ins.
9. **Break your lines:** write out your list again and experiment with line breaks.
10. **Title time:** Give your poem a title. Is it a How to? Ways to do? Things about? Or ...?

*Most of all, have fun!  
There is no right (or wrong way) to write a list poem.*

## LIST POEM RESOURCES

Imagination Soup: <https://imaginationsoup.net/how-to-write-a-list-poem/>  
Poetry4Kids: <https://poetry4kids.com/lessons/how-to-write-a-funny-list-poem/>  
Thoughtful Learning: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/minilesson/writing-list-poem>

# Make Your Own Ice Spikes!

Ice spikes form when water freezes quickly on its surface, sometimes leaving an open spot, as it freezes from the top down. Water expands as it freezes, pushing liquid up and through the opening in the water's surface as it freezes and forms a spike. They are mostly likely to form in purified water such as distilled water.

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## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN ICE SPIKES!

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### WHAT YOU NEED

**Distilled water • Ice cube tray • A freezer**

1. Pour the distilled water into the ice cube tray
2. Place the tray in the freezer
3. Wait 1.5 to 2 hours

Check your tray and see how many ice spikes have formed.

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### ICE SPIKES RESOURCES

**Learn about the science behind ice spikes in Science Friday's "The Mystery of Ice Spikes":**

<https://www.sciencefriday.com/articles/the-mystery-of-ice-spikes/>

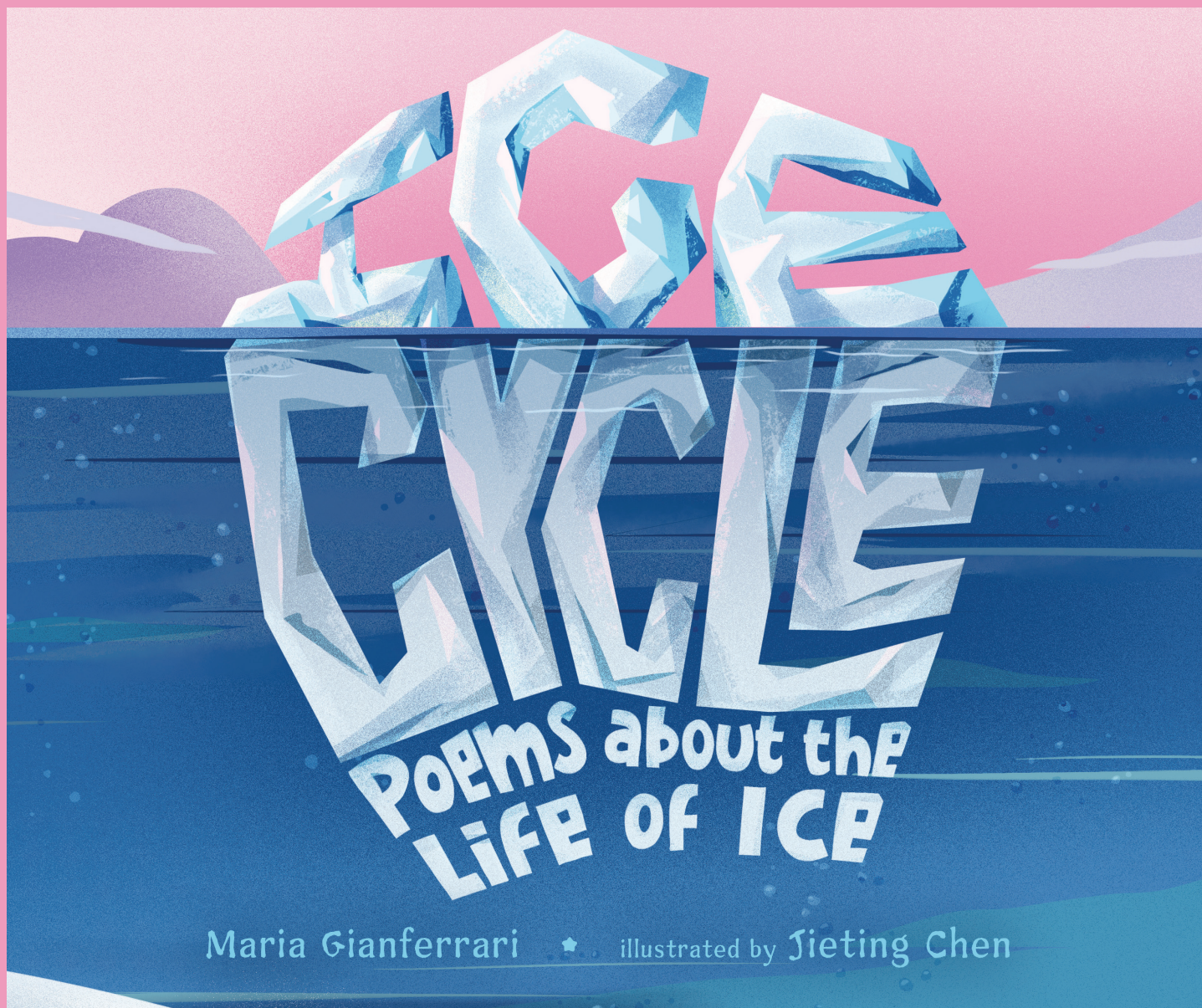
**Watch ice spikes form in this time lapse video from Smithsonian Science:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZW01Iwxubjw>

**"What Are Ice Spikes?":**

<https://www.treehugger.com/what-are-ice-spikes-4869612>





### Ice Cycle: Poems about the Life of Ice

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