

Writing an original poem for two voices

a practice worksheet for students

A poem for two voices is meant to be read aloud. Each of the two voices takes its turn reading a line out loud, and occasionally some lines are read together by both voices.

First, look over this example. How do you think it should be read aloud? In what order?

Spoken alone by voice #1:	Both voices say together:	Spoken alone by voice #2:
<p>I am the younger brother.</p> <p>Playing with toys is my favorite past-time.</p> <p>When I am your age, I will earn such better grades than you do.</p>	<p>Mom yells at you more than me!</p> <p>You have it so easy!</p>	<p>I am the older sister.</p> <p>Talking on the phone is what I do best.</p> <p>When I was your age, School was so much harder than it is now.</p>

Next, work with a partner and think of two things that are sometimes alike and sometimes different. Compose a short poem for two voices in the space below. Use strong verbs!

Spoken alone by voice #1:	Both voices say together:	Spoken alone by voice #2:
<p>I am _____</p>		<p>I am _____</p>