

## 2015 TFK Poetry Contest

It's time to rhyme! Enter your funny, rhyming poem by January 30

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Calling all poets! TIME For Kids has a challenge for you: Write a funny, rhyming poem. It must be an original poem that does not copy another poet's work. Enter it in the TIME For Kids Poetry Contest. The grand-prize winner will receive an online class visit from Children's Poet Laureate Kenn Nesbitt. The grand-prize winner and three finalists will each get a signed copy of Nesbitt's newest book of poetry, *The Biggest Burp Ever: Funny Poems for Kids*, and their poems will be published at [timeforkids.com](http://timeforkids.com).

**WHAT:** Write a funny, rhyming poem and enter it in the TFK Poetry Contest. Poet Kenn Nesbitt will look for originality, creativity, humor and rhyme in

the style of his own poetry. To read some of Nesbitt's poems, go to [poetry4kids.com](http://poetry4kids.com).

**HOW:** Enter your original poem in the online entry form at [timeforkids.com/2015poetrycontest](http://timeforkids.com/2015poetrycontest). Be sure to include your first name only, your e-mail address and your parents' e-mail address. Contest is open to students who are 8 to 13 years old.

**DEADLINE:** January 30, 2015



AMANDA JAYNE  
Poet Kenn Nesbitt will judge the  
2015 TFK Poetry Contest

Read a Q&A with TFK Poetry Contest judge Kenn Nesbitt:

**TFK:** How did you get started writing poetry?

**NESBITT:** I started writing poems as a hobby in 1994. At the time, I never gave any thought to publishing them; I mainly just wrote for my own amusement. But it was so much fun that I ended up writing a *lot* of poems, which led me to the idea of creating a web site, and eventually writing books.

**TFK:** How do you get ideas for poems?

**NESBITT:** My ideas mostly come from my imagination. That is, I like to sit and daydream, and see what kinds of crazy things I can think up. Some specific things I daydream about are: things I like, things I don't like, things that happen to me, places I go, and things I see around me.

**TFK:** What advice do you have for kids about how to get ideas?

**NESBITT:** For kids, I recommend that whenever you think of an idea, you should write it down, even if you don't have time right then to create a whole poem from your idea. I have notebooks full of ideas that I haven't written poems about yet. That way, if daydreaming doesn't lead me to a new idea, I can always look in my notebooks and find something fun to write about.

**TFK:** What are some writing techniques kids can use to make a poem more fun and exciting?