

言 寺 POEM  
shī

言 + 寺  
Word + Temple

## ANCIENT CHINESE POETRY

Poems are a big part of traditional Chinese culture. Many words in Chinese rhyme, so it's easy to write very nice sounding poems.

Some of the most famous poems were written during the Tang Dynasty, more than 1,300 years ago!

Many poems were about nature and friendship. And we can still enjoy them today. Chinese kids even know some of these poems by heart.

**SPEAK** "Shirt" - rt = shī

Like saying "shirt" but stopping before the "-rt."  
Try it: "shirt," then "shī-rt," and now just "shī." Great!

## WRITE

Chinese words, also called characters, are written in a certain order. Follow the order below and you will know how to write 詩 too!

丶 勹 ㇇ ㇇ 勹 言 言 言 讠 讠 讠 讠 讠 讠 讠 讠

詩	詩		
詩	詩		
詩	詩		

## UNSCRAMBLE

Poets are masters of words and letters. How fast can you unscramble these 5 words?

1. tope \_\_\_\_\_
2. merhy \_\_\_\_\_
3. draces \_\_\_\_\_
4. twire \_\_\_\_\_
5. sword \_\_\_\_\_

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Start on the left side of the word and write top to bottom, then go to the right side and write top to bottom. You can also try writing it with a small brush like the ancient poets.

一 二 三 四 言 言 言 言 詩 詩 詩 詩 詩

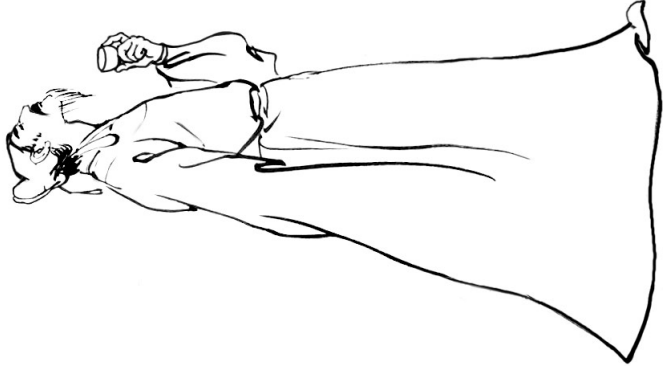
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# HELP LI BAI FIND HIS BRUSH

Draw a path following all the 詩 characters.

Careful! Don't be tricked by similar words!

START



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FINISH





# LI BAI

## Ancient Chinese Poet

Maybe the greatest poet in Chinese history was a man named Li Bai. Li Bai liked to go up into the mountains with friends. There, they would drink together and write poetry.

One cool, clear night Li Bai and a friend walked deep into the mountains. Li Bai had too much to drink, so he lay down and took a nap. When he woke up, he suddenly saw beautiful fairies flying down from the heavens. They wore purple dresses and danced for him. He was so inspired that he right away wrote a poem on a rock.

Li Bai wrote so many famous poems, that people call him the “Immortal Poet” (or *shī xiān*, the same *shī* as in the word poem).

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眾鳥高飛盡，  
孤雲獨去閒。  
相看兩不厭，  
只有敬亭山。

