

Rules for Writing Your Sonnet

Here are the rules for writing a sonnet:

- It must consist of 14 lines.
- It must be written in iambic pentameter (duh-DUH-duh-DUH-duh-DUH-duh-DUH-duh-DUH).
- Since we are writing a Shakespearean sonnet, it must follow the following rhyme scheme:

A
B
A
B

C
D
C
D

E
F
E
F

G
G

Every A rhymes with every A, every B rhymes with every B, and so forth. You'll notice this type of sonnet consists of three quatrains (that is, four consecutive lines of verse that make up a stanza or division of lines in a poem) and one couplet (two consecutive rhyming lines of verse).

Though there is more to a sonnet than this, those are the rules you must follow in order to create your own sonnet.