

# The Double Dactyl: Write Your Own

The *higgledy-piggledy* is a fixed form of double dactyls.

- The first line is “*Higgledy-piggledy*” or other rhyming nonsense.
- The second line is a name.
- The fourth and eighth lines rhyme and each consist of one dactyl followed by one stressed syllable.
- One line must be one single double dactyl word.

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*nonsense*

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*proper name*

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*rhyme*

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*rhyme*

## Room with a View

Higgledy-piggledy  
Emily Dickinson  
Looked out her front window  
Struggling for breath,  
Suffering slightly from  
Agoraphobia:  
“Think I’ll just stay in and  
Write about Death.”