



OFFICIAL RULES FOR WHEELS2U WESTPORT POETRY CONTEST

Key Rules for Double Dactyls:

- **Structure:** Two stanzas of four lines each.
- **Meter:** The first three lines of each stanza must be dactylic dimeter (DUM-da-da DUM-da-da).
- **Final Lines:** The fourth line of each stanza is a truncated line consisting of one dactyl followed by a stressed syllable (DUM-da-da DUM).
- **Rhyme:** The last line of the first stanza (line 4) must rhyme with the last line of the second stanza (line 8).
- **Opening:** The very first line is typically a nonsense phrase, for example “Higgledy piggledy” or “Jiggery pokery”.
- **Bonuses:** Use “Wheels2U” in the poem, additional bonus if one line in the poem is a single six-syllable word.

Here’s an example:

Higgledy piggledy
Wheels2U Westport is
Ditching the parking lot
Drama and stress.

Unprecedentedly
Simple to book a ride,
Join the community’s
Transit success.

Prizes and Official Rules

Westport residents and those who visit or work in Westport may enter as often as they like. Entries should be sent to Peter Gold at pgold@westportct.gov no later than April 7, should have Double Dactyl Contest in the subject line, and must include the sender’s name, address, and email address. Winners will be chosen by Peter Gold and Karina Betfarhad, the Directors of the

Westport Transit District, in their sole discretion, with the assistance of librarians and English teachers in the Westport Public Schools. All entries become the property of the Westport Transit District. Entrants give the Westport Transit District permission to use their entries without compensation to promote the operations of the Westport Transit District and Wheels2U Westport as the Directors of the Westport Transit District see fit, including, but not limited to, using the entry as an advertising poster at the Westport and Greens Farms train stations or using it in marketing emails. The Westport Transit District may modify entries if necessary to meet the needs of the Westport Transit District.