## Acrostic

An acrostic is a sequence of letters

that helps you remember a poem or other text

**Exercise text:** 

**GARBAGE** a poem by Bruce Lansky (2002, www.GigglePoetry.com)

(Whose job is it to take out the garbage?)

Grounds (coffee)

Apple (core)

Rinds (mellon)

Banana (peel)

Anchovies (from pizza I wouldn't eat)

Grapes (too ripe to eat)

Emptying the stinking bag (my job)

To memorize the planets:

**Mercury** My

Venus Very

Earth Excellent

Mars Mother

Jupiter Just

Saturn Served

Uranus Us

**Neptune** Nothing

## From Wikipedia:

An acrostic poem in English written by Edgar Allan Poe (ELIZABETH):

## An Acrostic

Elizabeth it is in vain you say

"Love not" -- thou sayest it in so sweet a way:

In vain those words from thee or L.E.L.

Zantippe's talents had enforced so well:

Ah! if that language from thy heart arise,

Breath it less gently forth -- and veil thine eyes.

Endymion, recollect, when Luna tried

To cure his love -- was cured of all beside --

His follie -- pride -- and passion -- for he died.