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Vocabulary Quick-Poem: CAUSTIC and FACETIOUS

caustic /'kôstik/ (*adjective*): bitterly sarcastic, using verbal irony in a way that is unkind

facetious / fə'sēSHəs/ (*adjective*): discussing a serious issue with inappropriate humor

Sentence example 1: I suspect he has a bad history with his sister because every time she sends him a photo of her family, his remarks can be pretty caustic. "So glad to know your kids aren't showing signs of becoming less unattractive."

Sentence example 2: Always the class clown, Monty contributes to class discussions with regular jokes, but his facetious comment about homelessness offended many, especially his classmate who'd been homeless up until last year.

Instructions: Use the following framework to create a quick acrostic poem based on the words *caustic* and *facetious*. Try to use more than one word on each line below because that will show you know what a *noun phrase* is. Be sure to see my example poem on the back of this page. Try to create both poems before time runs out. Be prepared to share!

Caustic and sarcastic people often sneer at things that most people love. What are some noun phrases that a **caustic** person might make unkind comments about?

It's no accident. Facetious comments are intentionally inserted into conversations to cause a reaction. What noun phrases might a facetious person joke about?

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Be very careful, especially with the word *facetious*.
All lines of your acrostic poem must be classroom appropriate.

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Teacher model of this poem

Vocabulary Acrostic Quick-Poem: FORGETFUL and HEEDFUL

forgetful / fər'getfəl / (*adjective*): apt or not likely to remember
heedful / 'hēdfəl / (*adjective*): aware of and attentive to

I used two different adjectives for my poems so you couldn't steal my ideas!

Two Acrostics

noun phrase poems by your teacher

Noun phrases that a **forgetful** person would have trouble recalling, doing or locating:

Facts about geography, like state capitals,

Objects, like sunglasses and car keys,

Relatives' birthdays and anniversaries,

Garbage cans on garbage day,

Every fact needed to pass the test,

The fish (Did I feed them?),

Fulfillment to pay back monetary loans,

Umbrellas I leave behind,

Locker combinations, of course.

Noun phrases that a **heedful** person would always be mindful of or paying attention to:

Health issues, like my blood pressure,

Electricity usage at our house,

Economical trends,

Daylight savings time,

Functionality of my personal laptop,

Underwear cleanliness,

Locations of the nearest restroom.

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A 'noun' is a single word; a 'noun phrase' includes adjectives and other modifiers.

What's the one-word 'noun' that began all of my 'noun phrases' above?

Hint...it's the word in *italics*.