

# St. Martin Sea Vertical Poem

*Write a vertical poem about the undersea world of St. Martin!*

The sea around St. Martin and the things that live in it are part of this island's natural heritage. Special words for fish, and skills like building traditional fish pots are part of St. Martin's cultural heritage. The ocean and marine life are also very inspiring! St. Martin's authors and poets have often written about the sea.

Ready to create your own St. Martin sea poem? First, decide on your undersea word. We chose "ocean" but you can pick whatever word feels inspiring to you. Write the word vertically. Then, use the letters one by one to start each line of your poem.

Set it up like this:

O \_\_\_\_\_  
C \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_  
A \_\_\_\_\_  
N \_\_\_\_\_

Here's an example:

One look at a coral reef seems just  
Colorful and calm, then suddenly it's bursting with  
Eating, darting, peeking, playing,  
All the hiding and hunting that  
Never stops, just like on top