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Two-Voice poetry is written for two people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The poetry usually has two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—one for each person who is reading the poem. Each person reading the poem reads the text in one of the columns. Sometimes, the poet wants the two readers to say something at the same time, so the poet writes the words on the same line in each column. These poems often sound like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for two people.

Just like all poetry, poems for two voices need an idea. Nature makes great subject matter for poetry for two voices, but two-voice poems can also be written about school, events in literature, or current events. You will be writing a two-voice poem comparing the life of a Brighten Middle School student and a Brighten Middle School teacher. The poem has been started for you…where you take it is up to you. Have fun with it. Use the graphic organizer below to craft your poem.

Your poem must have:

1. Two columns
2. At least 20 lines (doesn’t have to be in both columns)
3. Details about a Brighten teacher in the his or her voice (first person)
4. Details about a Brighten student (first person)

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| Spoken alone by Voice 1 | Both Voices say together | Spoken alone by Voice 2 |
| **Student**  Learning  ***Is what I do***  ***Reading***  *Is just something I do*  All the words and instructions and grades and homework assignments  **IT’S DRIVING ME CRAZY!** | ***Is what I do***    ***Reading***    **IT’S DRIVING ME CRAZY!** | **Teacher**  Teaching  ***Is what I do***  ***Reading***  *Is my entire life*  ***All the talking, repeating, questioning, and complaining***  **IS DRIVING ME CRAZY!** |