

# Spoken Word Playlist

Artist, Title & Link	Description	Age Recommendation
<p><b>Prime Poetry League - <i>What is a Poetry Slam?</i></b>   <a href="https://youtu.be/1b4NHBI3ujE">https://youtu.be/1b4NHBI3ujE</a></p>	<p><b>Poetry vlog:</b> a quick overview of what is a poetry slam, how it started, how it works, and why the heck anybody would wanna join in that fun chaos!</p>	<p><b>All Ages</b> Vocabulary is somewhat advanced, however the meaning is clear and easy to follow along. Brisk and effective look into the <b>look &amp; feel</b> of a poetry slam.</p>
<p><b>Sarah Kay - Paradox</b>   <a href="https://youtu.be/VShVwQtIFF8">https://youtu.be/VShVwQtIFF8</a></p>	<p><b>Sarah Kay</b> performs "Paradox" from her book "No Matter the Wreckage" at The Sheen Center for Thought &amp; Culture in New York City. Sarah Kay is a poet from New York City who is perhaps best known for her talk at the 2011 TED conference, which has been viewed over nine million times online.</p>	<p><b>For 4th grade &amp; up</b> High level vocabulary, metaphor and imagery. Language deals with love and deep meaning.</p>
<p><b>Brandon Leake - America's Got Talent</b>   <a href="https://youtu.be/tdjIFkM-ohQ">https://youtu.be/tdjIFkM-ohQ</a></p>	<p><b>Brandon Leake</b> made history by being the first spoken word artist to appear on AGT. Howie Mandel was so moved by Brandon's performance that he pressed his Golden Buzzer!</p>	<p><b>For 4th grade &amp; up</b> Spoken word poem deals with the loss of a sibling: pain, sorrow, as well as joy of memories.</p>
<p><b>Brandon Sanders &amp; Mikeala Miller - <i>If You Give a Child a Word</i></b>   <a href="https://youtu.be/FMmSnZKSPi8">https://youtu.be/FMmSnZKSPi8</a></p>	<p><b>Mikeala Miller and Brandon Sanders</b> perform at local TEDx event, produced independently of the TED Conferences. Children performed an original poem around a single word they each chose that represented their own spirit, their hopes, dreams and vision for their future. <b>Brandon</b> is 14 and an eighth grade student at Como Montessori school in Fort Worth. <b>Mikeala</b> is 12 years old who attends Dunbar Middle School. They have honed their skills through Voice2Youth, and award-winning poets and artist program presented by a nonprofit organization called the Thank You Darlin' Foundation.</p>	<p><b>For 3rd grade &amp; up</b> This performance demonstrates a variety of different musical, percussive, vocal and body techniques with Spoken Word Performance.</p>
<p><b>Asha Christensen - <i>TEDxKids</i></b>   <a href="https://youtu.be/rtnEnEqjkOE">https://youtu.be/rtnEnEqjkOE</a></p>	<p><b>Asha's</b> first TED experience was from the center front row of the first ever TEDxKids @SMU when she was nine. When her school announced a slam poetry competition, she was inspired. She watched a bunch of TED talks and wrote a poem about writer's block. After winning the McKinney ISD District wide competition, she was too young for the prize, a slot on a team headed to Brave New Voices: a national youth poetry competition, but she is tickled to be able to perform at TEDxKids this year. Asha is currently 7th grader at Imagine International Academy of North Texas.</p>	<p><b>For 2nd grade &amp; up</b> This is a great clip of Spoken Word that is light and not overly weighted. Asha's poem discusses writer's block. Language is at times advanced, but easy to follow along.</p>