

**Tell all the truth but tell it slant -  
Success in Circuit lies  
Too bright for our infirm Delight  
The Truth's superb surprise  
As Lightning to the Children eased  
With explanation kind  
The Truth must dazzle gradually  
Or every man be blind -**

**Emily Dickinson (#1263)**

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**Retell a vivid childhood memory (in prose or poetry) using one of the following slants:**

- 1. Adopt the point of view of another person or thing that was with you**
- 2. Narrate the story from a distance, physically outside the event (watching yourself go through the motions) or using the perspective of time**
- 3. Distort the story by rendering it unfaithful or incomplete, but allow an intended emotion to percolate to the surface or capture a particular mood**
- 4. Direct the story toward a particular group of readers (children, generation X, old timers, etc.)**
- 5. Use poetic license to dramatize or exaggerate for effect**
- 6. Assume a specific mental leaning or bias**
- 7. Include slant rhyme in your poem**
- 8. Select a slant of your own choosing**

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