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## Mad-Libbing Your Way into Modern Poetry: The Poem Sheet

**Directions:** Fill in the following blanks with the words you came up with to complete the first “Mad-Libbing Your Way into Modern Poetry” sheet, according to the numbers you see under each blank. How does your original poem stack up against William Carlos Williams’s famous “The Red Wheelbarrow”?

The \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #1  
 so much depends  
 upon  
 a \_\_\_\_\_ #2  
 \_\_\_\_\_ #1  
 \_\_\_\_\_ #3  
 \_\_\_\_\_ #4  
 \_\_\_\_\_ #5

### The Red Wheelbarrow by William Carlos Williams

so much depends  
 upon

a red wheel  
 barrow

glazed with rain  
 water

beside the white  
 chickens.

(excerpted from: "The Collected Poems of William Carlos Williams, Vol. 1: 1909-1939," © 1991, New Directions Publishing Corporation)