

**Cinquains:
short and simple
forming shapely diamonds
Who can help to make them easy?**



LO: to recognise the features of cinquain poems.

Success Criteria:

- I know that cinquains have five lines;
- I can count the syllables in each line (2, 4, 6, 8, 2);
- I know that cinquains should form approximately a diamond shape;
- I understand that cinquains don't have to rhyme.

Cinquain Examples

What is each poem about?

Birthday
Happy, fun-filled
Playing, eating, dancing
Come and celebrate it with me

Party!

My pet
Fluffy, wriggly
Licking faces, chewing
Never stops chasing his own
tail!

Puppy.

Summer
Hot and sunny
lazing, slurping ice-creams
Passport, suitcase, boring
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Cinquain Features

What similarities can you find between the three poems?

There are always five lines.

Each line of the poem develops the subject of the first word.

Lines are always written centred on the page

Each line follows a general pattern:

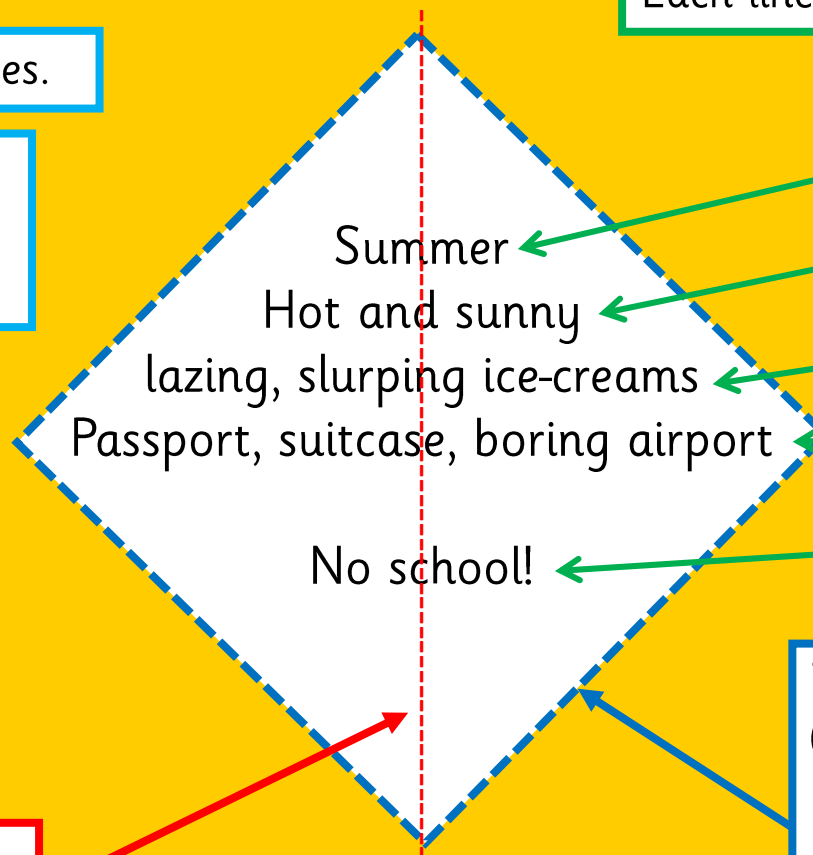
subject

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action

feeling

conclusion



The lines form the shape (approximately) of a diamond, so these poems are sometimes called diamond or diamante poems.

Did you know?

It's actually pronounced 'san-cane' not 'sin-kwane'.



Every cinquain has 5 lines.

The name comes from the French word 'cinq', meaning five.

The cinquain form was invented by the American poet Adelaide Crapsey, in about 1911.

Let's try it!

How can we write a cinquain?

First, think of a theme.

Well, lots of people like chocolate, so let's have that!



Let's try it!

Brainstorm lots of things you know about the theme.

sweet sticky bars melts

cake **delicious** creamy **milk**

biscuits yummy **oozing** dark

Let's try it!

Now we need to fit those ideas into our 5 - line frame...

Chocolate 2

Sweet and sticky 4

Melting, oozing, creamy 6

Dark or milk, coating my biscuits 8

Yummy! 2

Don't worry if it doesn't work at first. If a line doesn't have the right number of **syllables**, you might have to change it a little.

Your Turn!

Here are some themes for a cinquain.
Which one would you choose?

my bedroom

our pets

summer

football

chocolate

friends

snow

Plenary

What have we learned about cinquains?

- Cinquains are five-line poems.
- They have 2 syllables in the first line, 4 in the second, 6 in the third, 8 in the fourth and 2 again on the last line.
- They often follow a pattern about a theme:
 - Subject
 - description
 - Action
 - Feeling
 - Conclusion
- Cinquains don't have to rhyme.



The End