

Written Composition

Writing a Cinquain Poem

Cinquains are poems of five lines that do not rhyme and can be written about absolutely anything.

There is a set pattern for writing each line. Look at the example below.

A CINQUAIN POEM

Here's an example of a cinquain poem written by a sixth grader about a kitten. Check out how each line follows the rule or guide given.



Line 1: Write a 1-word subject (<i>noun</i> - naming word)	Kitten
Line 2: Write 2 <i>adjectives</i> (describing words)	Fluffy, cuddly
Line 3: Write 3 words that express action (<i>verb</i>)	Licking, climbing, clawing
Line 4: Write 1 <i>phrase</i> about the subject	Stretched lazily on people's laps
Line 5: Write 1 <i>synonym</i> for the subject you wrote on line 1.	Playful

Think about an **object**, **person** or a **place** you enjoy. Follow the guide above to write a cinquain poem of your own.

Instructions: Think about an *object*, a *person* or a *place* that you enjoy. Follow the guide provided in the column to the left, to write your ideas in the blank boxes to the right. Leave the title column for the last after you have read over what you have written.

TITLE: Once you have completed your poem, come back to this section and think of an appropriate title.	
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