

Writing Poetry Challenge

Activity 1

A cinquain (SIN-cain) is an unrhymed poem that is just five lines long and is arranged in a special way.

It's time to choose a topic to focus your cinquain poem on. It could be about your favourite food, the weather, your hobby, a person who means a lot to you, an everyday object, anything really! Remember, you'll have to follow some strict rules to write a cinquain.

Write down your chosen subject below and then plan some adjectives and action verbs that you'd like to include.

Here's an example cinquain poem:

Olympics
Graceful, athletic
Spinning, whirling, twirling
Coordinated moves perfectly executed
Gymnastics



The topic of my poem is:	
Adjectives to describe the topic:	
Action verbs ending in 'ing' to describe the topic, e.g. spinning, twirling, whirling:	

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Activity 2

Now it's time to write a first draft of your poem about your chosen topic, using the writing frame below. Just follow the rules!

Remember to include the vocabulary you planned in Activity One.

Line 1	One vague or general one-word topic.	
Line 2	Two vivid adjectives that describe the topic.	
Line 3	Three interesting action verbs that fit the topic, these must end in '-ing'	
Line 4	A four-word phrase that captures the feeling about the topic.	
Line 5	A very specific word that explains Line 1.	

EDIT

Read over your poem, checking your spelling, punctuation and grammar is accurate. Make any corrections that you need to, your tutor can help with this.

IMPROVE

Check that it follows the rules and that you have chosen appropriate and interesting vocabulary.

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Activity 3

Publish a final draft of your poem, illustrate it with an image that matches the topic of your poem.

Check if you have achieved these criteria:

- Written a cinquain poem that follows all five rules. (See Activity Two for rules.)
- Included adjectives to describe the topic and feelings about the topic.
- Included three action verbs that end in 'ing'.
- Checked your spelling, punctuation and grammar.