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Acrostic

In Acrostic poems, the first letters of each line are aligned vertically to form a word. The word often is the subject of the poem.

An example is:

Elegantly and efficiently shaped

Good to eat

Great fun to find at Easter

Smooth shelled

Cinquain

Cinquains have five lines

Line 1: Title (noun) - 1 word

Line 2: Description - 2 words

Line 3: Action - 3 words

Line 4: Feeling (phrase) - 4 words

Line 5: Title (synonym for the title) - 1 word

An example is:

Mom

Helpful, caring

Loves to garden

Excitable, likes satisfying people

Teacher

Diamante

The Diamante is a form similar to the Cinquain. The text forms the shape of a diamond.



Line 1: Noun or subject - one word

Line 2: Two Adjectives that describe line 1

Line 3: Three 'ing words that describe line 1

Line 4: Four nouns - the first two are connected with line 1; the last two are connected with line 7

Line 5: Three 'ing words that describe line 7

Line 6: Two adjectives that describe line 7

Line 7: Noun Synonym for the subject

An example is:

Pencil

Sharp, skinny

Writing, answering, erasing

Wood, lead, ink, plastic

Drawing, smudging, leaking

Durable, comfortable

Pen