

Knowledge Organiser: Writing – Kennings

Key Learning

- Kennings are like riddles they describe something without ever saying what it is.
- The reader has to guess what the Kenning is about.
- Kenning poems use a noun followed by a noun or verb on every line.
- Each line of the poem is made of a two-word phrase.
- The words are often joined by a hyphen.

What should I already know?

- The main features of different types of poems including rhyming couplets, sense poems, acrostic poems and list poems

Key Vocabulary		
Kenning	noun	verb
two-word phrase	hyphen	

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noun verb

Organisation for my writing

Describes what a person, idea or object does.

Does not mention the person, idea or object that it is about

Uses a noun plus a noun or a noun plus a verb on each line.

Uses the ending -er or -ing on the second noun or verb.



cat-chaser

lip-licking
chin-drippin
sauce-swirli

chin-dripping
sauce-swirling
cone-filling
flake-holding
tongue-freezing