

Key Learning

- To know that Cinquains have five lines;
- To count the syllables in each line (2, 4, 6, 8, 2);
- To know the general pattern of a Cinquain;
- To know that Cinquains should form approximately a diamond shape;
- To know that Cinquains don't have to rhyme.

What should I already know?

- The main features of different types of poetry including structured poems and free-verse poems

Key Vocabulary

Cinquain

syllable

Organisation for my writing

My Cinquain consists of five lines

The first line of my Cinquain contains two syllables

The second line of my Cinquain contains four syllables

The third line of my Cinquain contains six syllables

The fourth line of my Cinquain contains eight syllables

The last line of my Cinquain contains two syllables

My Cinquain includes an action and a feeling – helping to tell a story

Cinquain Features

What did you notice?

There are always five lines.

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

Each line follows a general pattern:

Summer
Hot and sunny
Lazing, slurping ice creams
Passport, suitcase, boring airport
No school!

subject

description

action

feeling

conclusion

Lines are always written centred on the page

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

