

## Piscovering Poetry

What does poetry look like?

What does poetry sound like?

What does poetry feel like?

What does poetry make us think about?

Draw a picture about the poem!



A **simile** is a poetic device that compares two things using one of the connecting words **as** or **like**.

#### Example:

- 1. Busy as a bee.
- 2. Wise as an owl.
- 3. Eyes round like plates.

Use simile to help the reader visualize.

	Simile and Yo	u Will See!	
	As big as A	hippo	
	As white as		
	As shiny as		
	Small like a		
	As funny as a		
	Quiet like a		
	Slow like a		
	As fast as a		
	Draw a picture of your favourite simile!		
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A metaphor is used to make a comparison between two things that are not alike but do have something in common. Metaphors help poets make a point in a more interesting way.

Connecting words used are *is, were*, and are.

#### Example:

- 1. Her cheeks are polished apples.
- 2. The snow is a white blanket.
- 3. Her tears were a salty river flowing down her cheeks.

### Metaphor Match

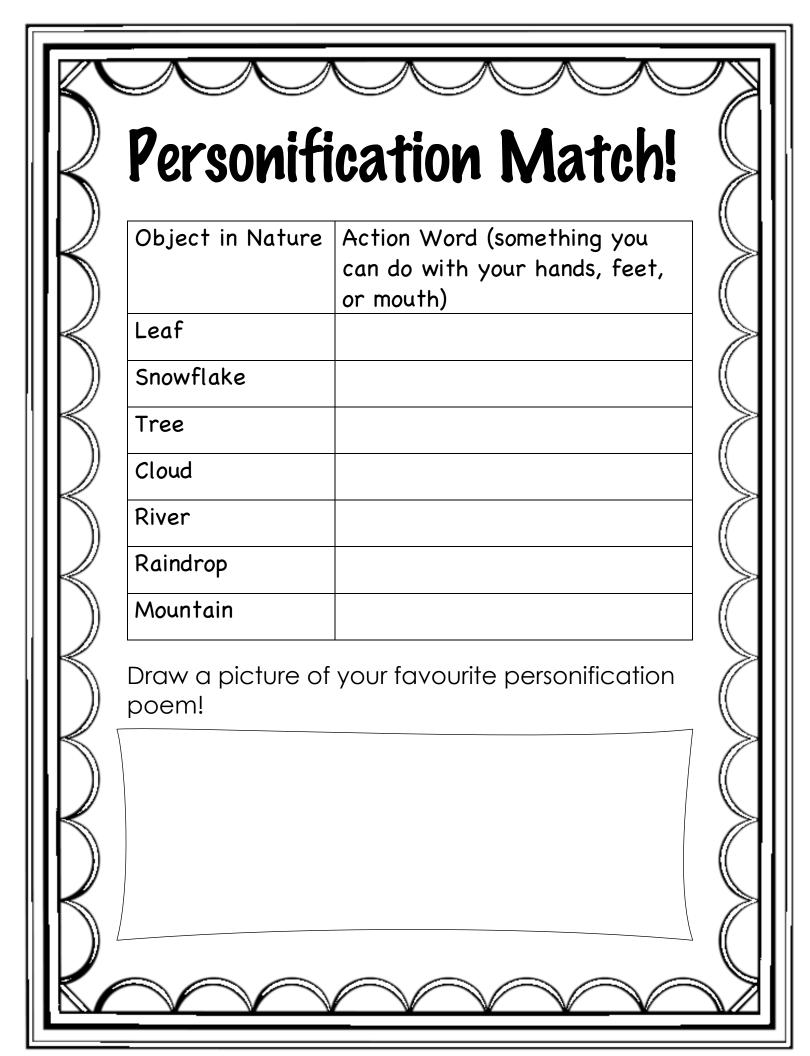
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Simile	Metaphor	
Her heart pounded	Her heart was pounding	
like a drum.	like a drum.	
They danced like a graceful swan.	They were a graceful swan dancing across the stage.	
The wind was gentle, like a butterfly.		
Your face is as white as a sheet.		
His hands are cold, like ice cubes.		
Her heart soared like an eagle.		
He ran as fast as a cheetah.		

# Personification

Personification is used to give animals, plants, and things human qualities. It is used for imagery and description. It adds feelings, thoughts, movements, or action to the poem.

#### Example:

Original	Personification
The flowers need	The flowers <b>begged</b>
water.	for water.
The sky lit up with	Lightning danced
lightning.	across the sky.
The warm sun was	The sun greeted
shining.	me with a warm
	smile.

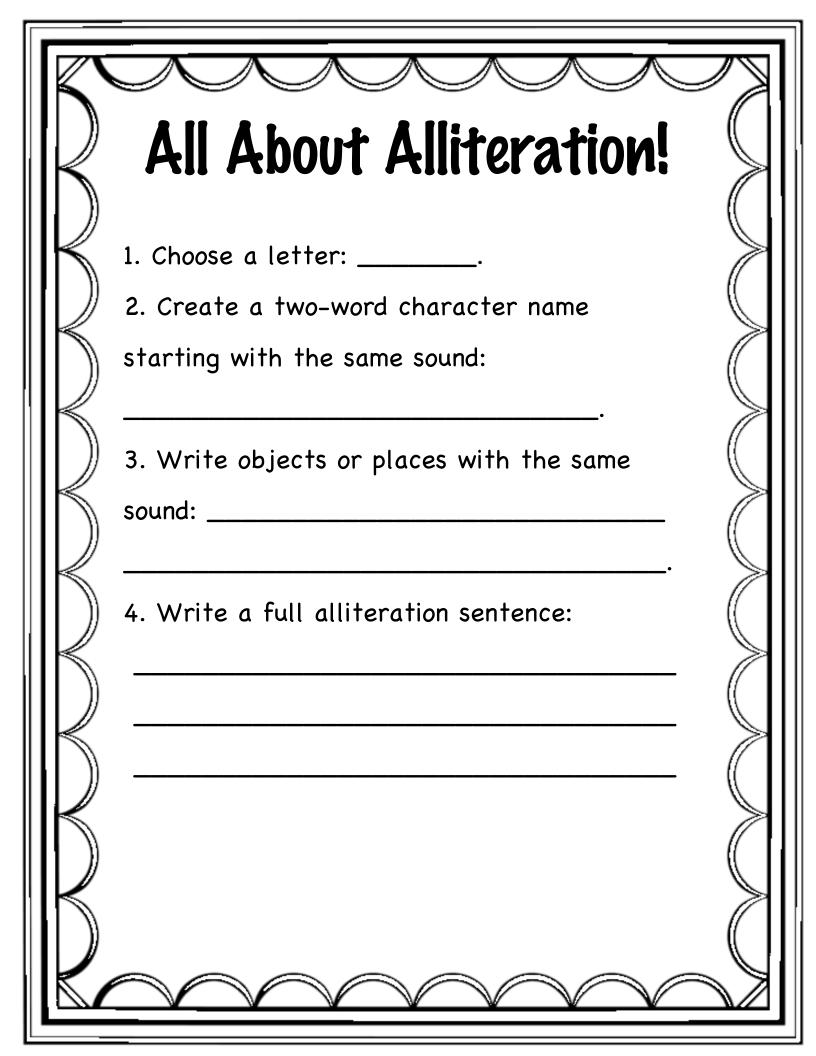


# Alliteration

Alliterations is used to repeat the initial consonant sounds in two or more close words. It repeats the same beginning sound of the words. For example, snakes slither silently, the beginning sound is the same.

#### Example:

- 1. She sells seashells by the sea shore.
- 2. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
- 3. Careful Kate is counting carrots in her colourful garden.





The first line has **5 syllables**.

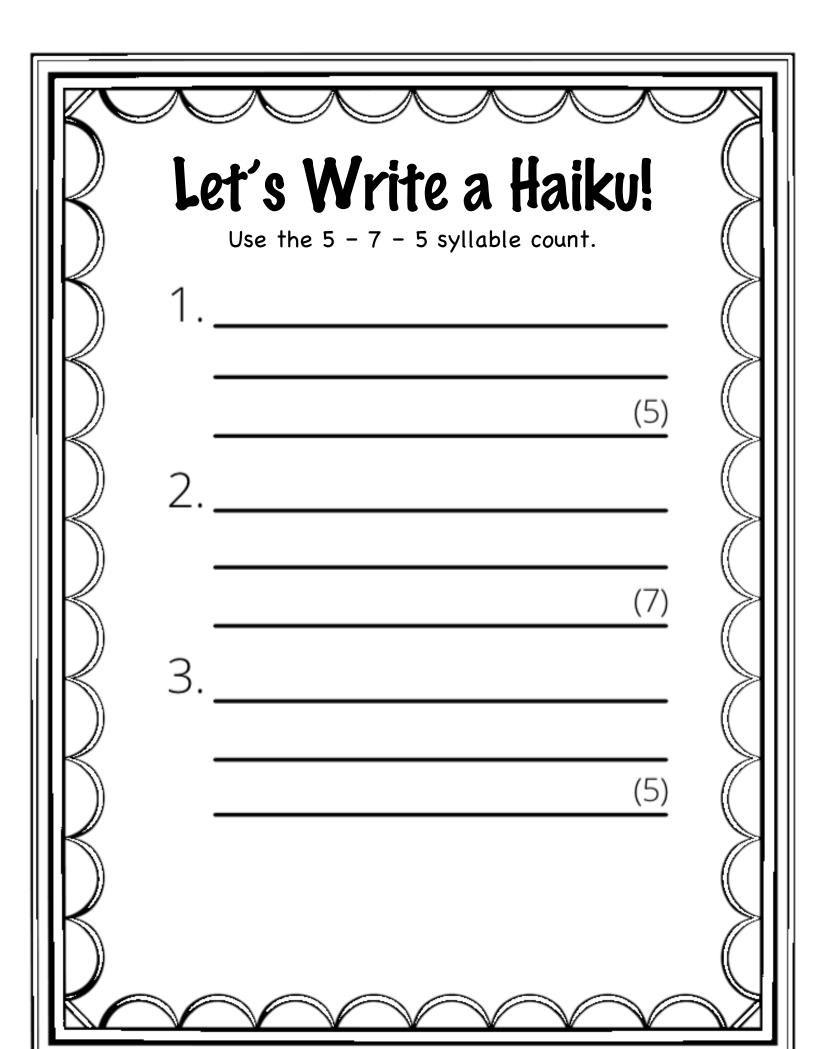
The second line has **7 syllables**.

The third line has 5 syllables.

#### Example:

- 1. The mountains are tall (\_\_\_\_)
- 2. White snow covers their summits (\_\_\_\_)
- 3. I want to climb them (\_\_\_)

Count the syllables in each line and fill in the blank.





A **cinquain** poem is similar to a haiku. It is based on a **syllable count**. Cinquains are **five** lines long.

The **first line** has **2** syllables.

The **second** line has **4** syllables.

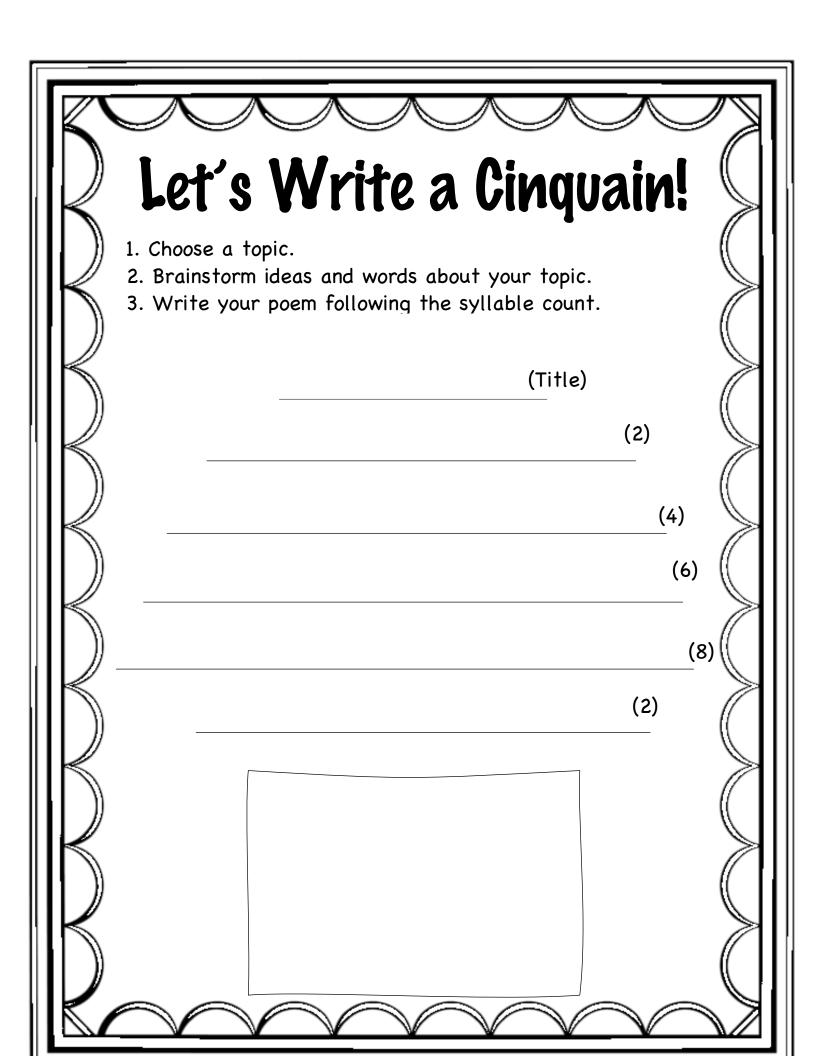
The **third** line has **6** syllables.

The **fourth** line has **8** syllables.

The **fifth** line has **2** syllables.

#### Example:

Kitten
Tiny nose, ears
like velvet triangles,
Tiny sandpaper tongue licking.
Bath time.





A diamante poem has seven lines. The **first** and **last** line is the **shortest**. The **first** and **last** word also mean the same thing. This poem has a word count, giving it a **diamond shape**.

Line 1: Noun (1 word)

Line 2: Adjective, adjective (2 words)

Line 3: Verb, verb, verb (3 words)

Line 4: Noun, noun, noun (4 words)

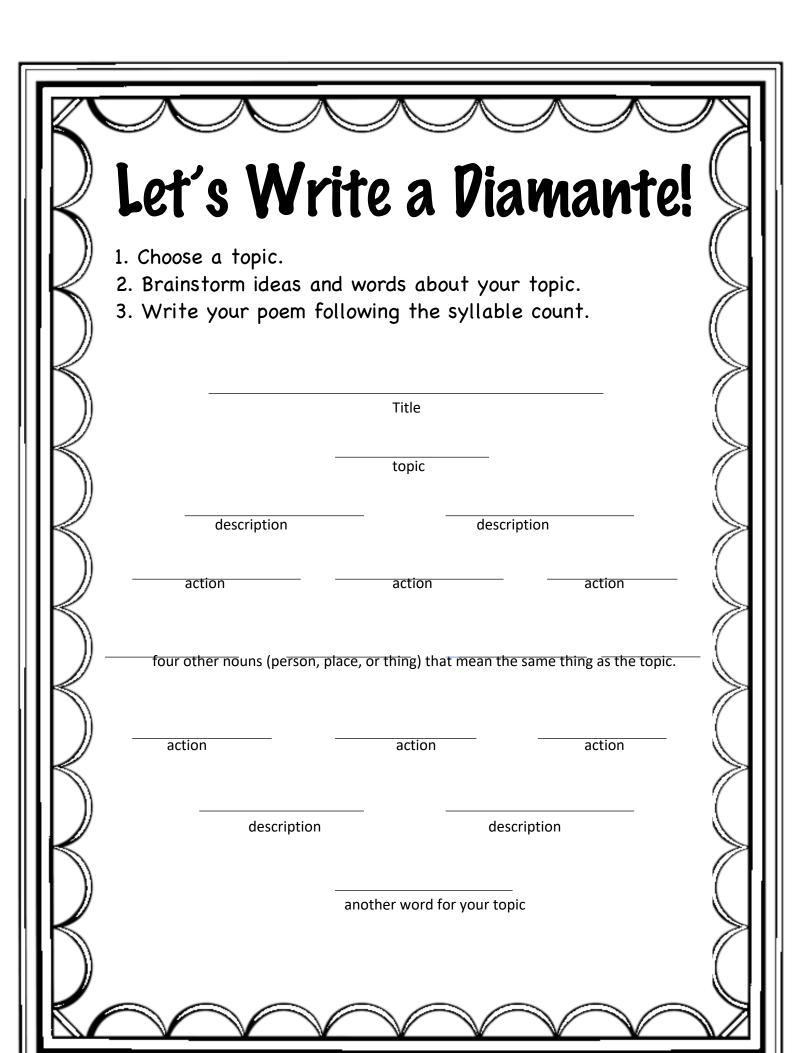
Line 5: Verb, verb, verb (3 words)

Line 6: Adjective, adjective (2 words)

Line 7: Noun (1 word)

#### Example:

Book
exciting, enchanting
reading, relaxing, escaping
cover, pages, words, chapters
buying, collecting, sharing,
story





An acrostic poem spells a word related to the poem's topic with the first letter of each line. Write the word down the side of the poem, with a word or phrase connected to the poem.

#### Example:

#### **SPRING**

**S**prouting flowers grow

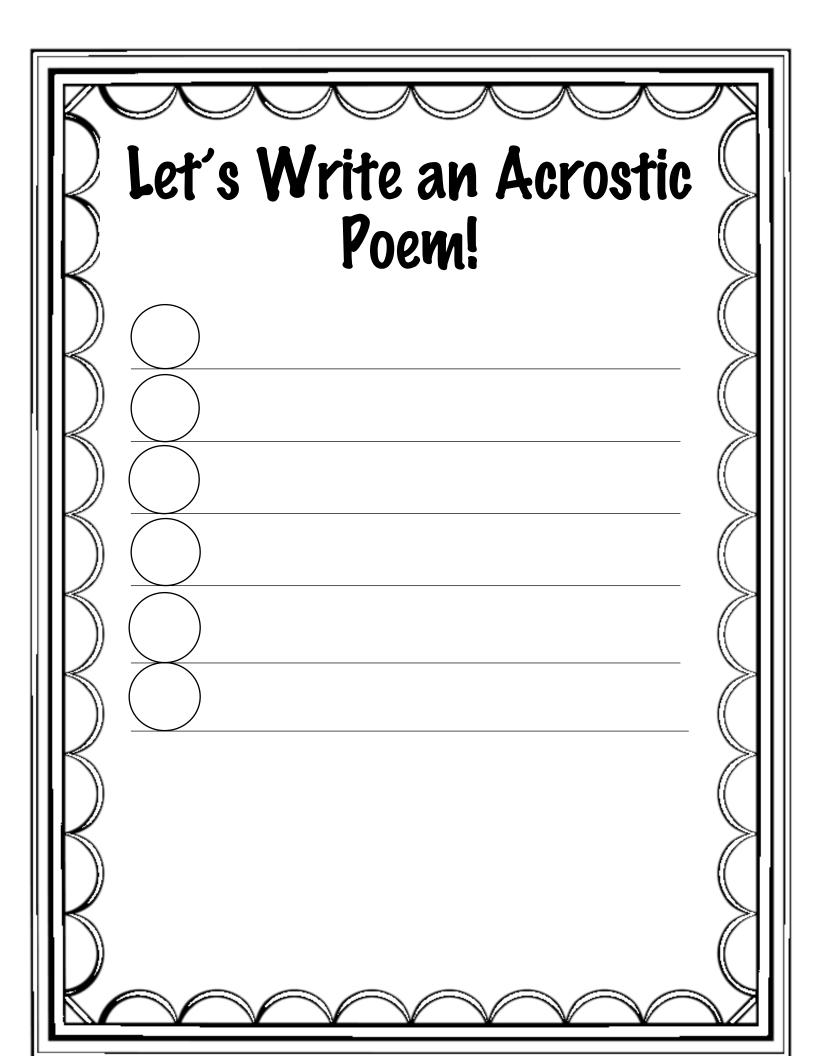
Perfect day for the park

Ringing birds sing

Ice cream trucks arrive

Nothing is cold

**G**reen grass grows





A limerick poem is a fun, short, and usually silly poem. They have a bouncy, rhyming rhythm. They have no title, have 5 lines, and have a rhyme pattern of AABBA.

#### Example:

There once was a pig named Fred
Who spent every day in his bed
The farmer got mad
And said he was bad
So he lay on the couch instead.

