

## Diamante Poem

### What is a Diamante Poem?

A diamante is an unrhymed **seven-line poem** that takes the shape of a diamond. It uses **nouns, adjectives and verbs** to describe a topic. The beginning and the end lines are the shortest and the middle line is the longest, which gives the poem a diamond shape. There are two types of diamantes – **synonym** diamantes and **antonym** diamantes. In a synonym diamante, the nouns at the beginning and end are two words that mean basically the same thing. In an antonym diamante, the two nouns are opposites. I want you to write a SYNONYM DIAMANTE.

### What is the structure of a Synonym Diamante Poem?

This diamond-shaped poem always has seven lines that follow this sequence:

**Line 1:** Topic (must be a **noun** e.g. dog)

**Line 2:** Two vivid **adjectives** that describe the Topic (Line 1) e.g. playful, adorable

**Line 3:** Three interesting “-ing” action **verbs** that describe the Topic e.g. chasing, fetching, frolicking

**Line 4:** Four **nouns** about the Topic e.g. walks, tricks, treats, cuddles

**Line 5:** Three interesting “-ing” action **verbs** that describe the Topic e.g. scratching, sniffing, chewing

**Line 6:** Two vivid **adjectives** that describe the Topic e.g. rambunctious, loyal

**Line 7:** Noun (remember it has to be a **noun** which is a synonym of Line 1) e.g. pooch

Here is an easier way to visualise the rules:

Noun

Adjective, Adjective

Verb + ing, Verb + ing, Verb + ing

Noun, Noun, Noun, Noun

Verb + ing, Verb + ing, Verb + ing

Adjective, Adjective

Noun

So my example would look like this:



Fill in the gaps to complete this Synonym Diamante about Summer:

Summer  
Balmy, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Swimming, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Butterflies, barbecues, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunbathing, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Bright, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Getting Started on Your Synonym Diamante:

- To start writing a diamante, you first need to decide what thing you want to write about. The reason you want to pick a thing is that your first and last lines need to be nouns. In other words, your diamante will be about a noun, such as a "pencil" or a "pizza," rather than about a verb, such as "jump" or an adjective like "smelly." An easy thing to write about is something you like or something you see around you.

- When writing a synonym diamante, you need to **select another word that means the same thing as your subject** e.g. dog – pooch/ cat – feline/ flower – blossom. The first noun will appear in the first line and its synonym in the last line.
- **Brainstorm** adjectives, verbs and nouns which relate to your topic (Use the table below to help you).
- Diamantes rely on strong words, so pick out the **most descriptive words** from your brainstorming and put your diamante together. Diamantes do not need titles.
- Write a **rough first draft** of your diamante. Read over and check that you have followed the rules!
- When you are satisfied, **recopy the poem** onto clean notebook paper.
- **Centre** your diamante on the paper.
- Begin each line with a **capital letter** and remember your **commas**. Do not use ending punctuation.

Use this table to help you brainstorm

Topic (must be a noun):		Synonym of topic (noun):
Adjectives	Verbs + ing	Nouns associated with the topic

Write your Synonym Diamante below

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\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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