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How to Write a Cinquain Poem



Aim

To recognise the features of a simple cinquain poem.

Success Criteria

- I know that cinquains have five lines.
- I can count the words in each line (1, 2, 3, 4, 1).
- I understand that cinquains don't have to rhyme.

Read These Cinquain Poems

Can you notice anything similar about the features?

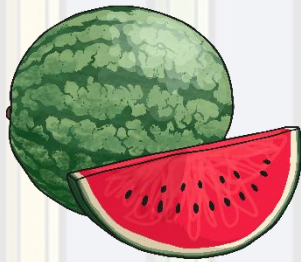
Watermelon

sweet, juicy

licking, slurping, sucking

dripping down my arm

tasty



Rain

dismal, grey

falling, beating, drumming

Hammering on the roof

shower



Unicorn

white, majestic

galloping, nuzzling, braying

a trail of magic

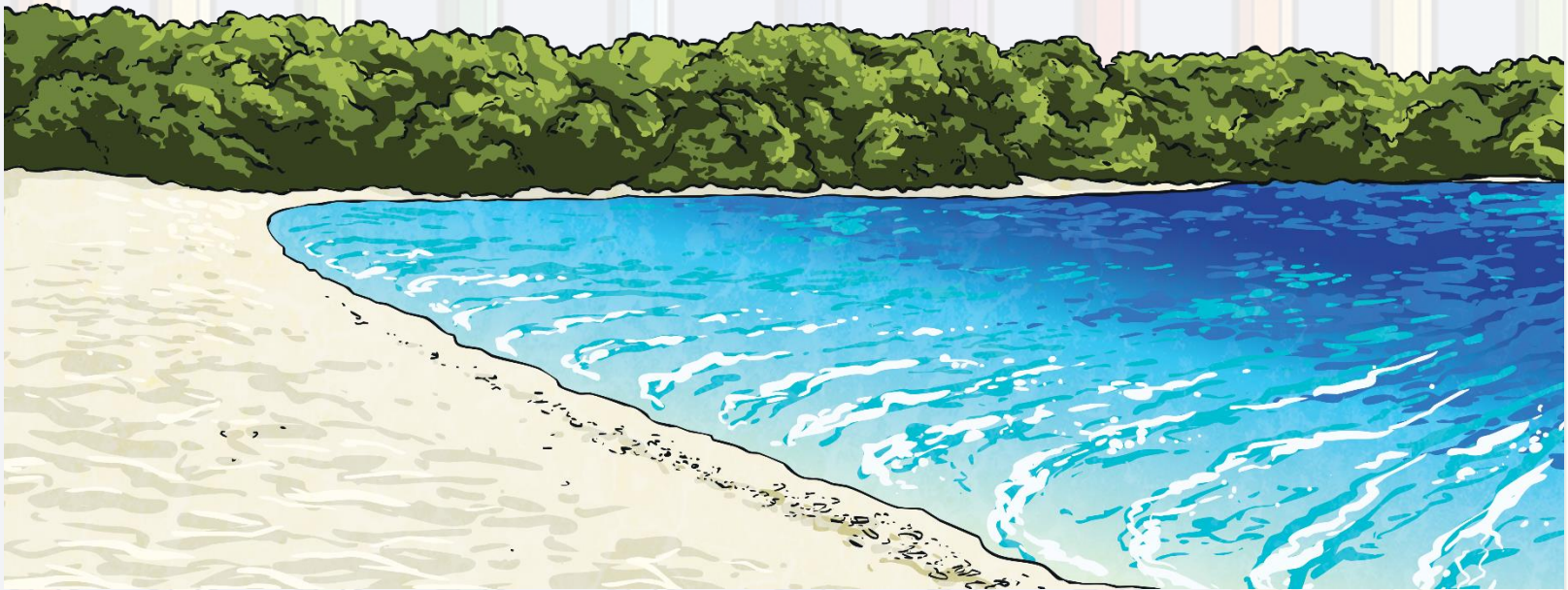
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What Is a Didactic Cinquain Poem?

This is a very simple style of cinquain. Instead of focusing on syllables, it focuses on words.

The first line is one word which is the title of the poem. For example, **summer**.

The second line contains two words which are adjectives that describe the title. For example, **sunny, hot**.



What Is a Didactic Cinquain Poem?



The third line has three words that tell the reader more about the subject of the poem or shows action. Many times these words end with “ing.” For example, **sweltering, swimming, dozing.**

The fourth line has four words that show emotions about the subject of the poem and may be individual words or a phrase. For example, **basking in the sun.**

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The fifth line is one word that is a synonym of the title or is very similar to it. For example, **Holiday**.

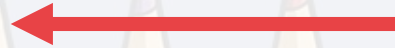
Summer
Sunny, hot
Sweltering, swimming, dozing
Basking in the sun
Holiday



Summer Cinquain



Summer



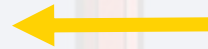
One Word

Sunny, hot



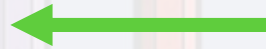
Two Words

Sweltering, swimming, dozing



Three words

Basking in the sun



Four Words

Holiday



One word

Your Turn

You need to write a cinquain poem on an endangered animal of your choice. First, pick your animal and then think of as many words to do with that animal as you can. What does it look like? How does it move? How does it make you feel? Using the structure you have learnt about, write your poem.



