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The Diamante Poem

A diamante has seven lines that describe a person or an object in a special way.

If students centre the poem they can see that the diamante takes on the shape of a diamond.

The “word” diamante is Italian for diamond.

Example:

Diamond
hard, bright
sparkling, glittering, reflecting
love, happiness, ring, wedding
caring, loving, lasting
pretty, precious
gem

Structure:

This type of diamante poem is sometimes known as a synonym diamante poem.

A synonym is a word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.

The first and last lines of this poem contain synonyms diamond and gem

Line 1: one noun or pronoun (name of something)

Line 2: two adjectives (describing)

Line 3: three participles (“ing” words)

Line 4: four nouns (name words)

Line 5: three participles or verbs

Line 6: two adjectives

Line 7: one noun (a synonym for the first line)



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Scaffold for Diamante Poem

(noun)

(adjective 1)

(adjective 2)

(-ing verb 1)

(-ing verb 2)

(-ing verb 3)

(noun 1)

(noun 2)

(noun 3)

(noun 4)

(-ing verb)

(-ing verb)

(-ing verb)

(adjective 3)

(adjective 4)

(noun)
synonym



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