



How to Write a Cinquain Poem



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To recognise the features of a simple cinquain poem.

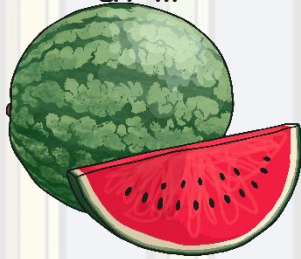
Success Criteria

- 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



Rain
dismal, grey
falling, beating,
drumming
Hammering on the
roof



Unicorn
white, majestic
galloping, nuzzling,
braying
a trail of magic
wonder

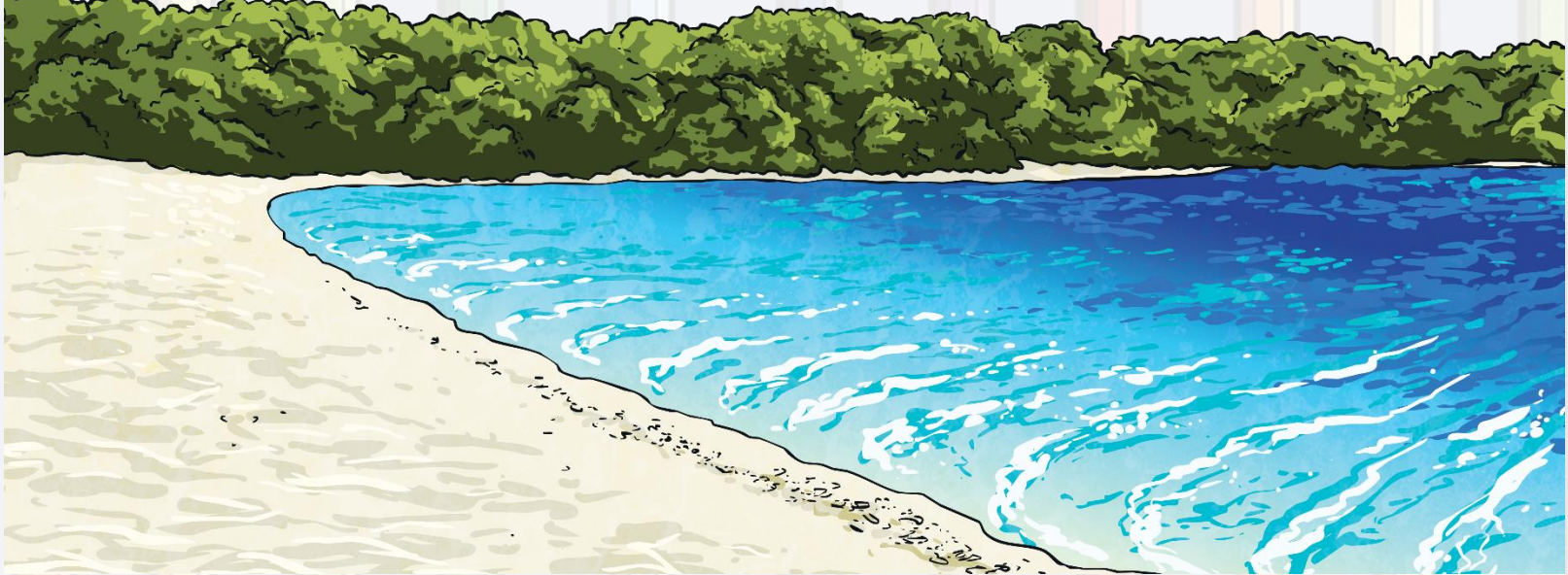
What Is a Didactic Cinquain Poem?

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,



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.**

What Is a Didactic Cinquain Poem?

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
Smeltering, swimming, dozing
Basking in the sun
Holiday



Summer Cinquain



Summer ← One Word

Sunny, hot ← Two Words

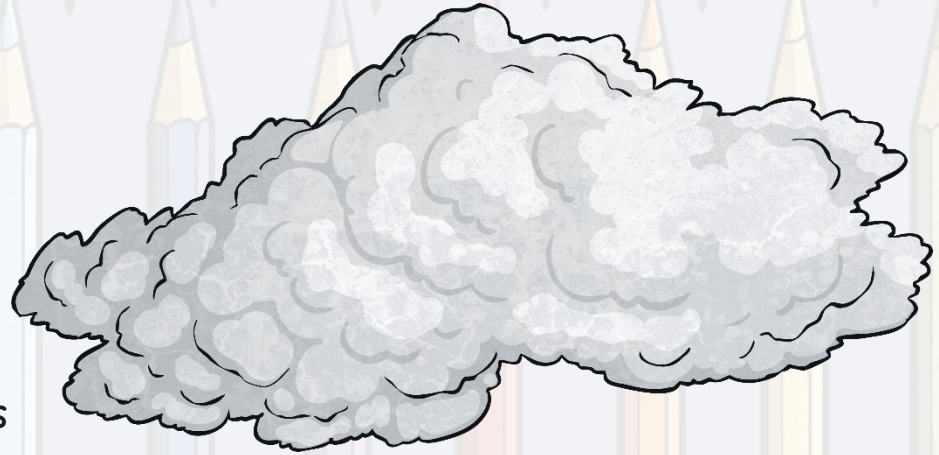
Sweltering, swimming, dozing ← Three words

Basking in the sun ← Four Words

Holiday ← One word

Shared Writing

We are going to write a cinquain poem together as a class. The topic of our poem will be Thunderstorm. Close your eyes and think of as many words to do with a thunderstorm as you can. When you are ready, write your words on this slide.



Thunderstorm

Shared Writing - Thunderstorm Poem

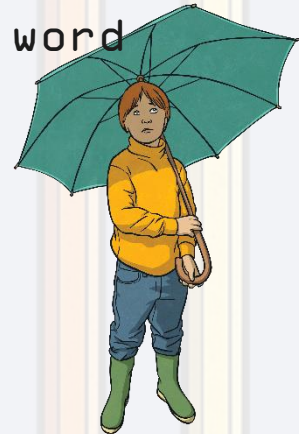
← One Word

← Two Words

← Three words

← Four Words

← One word



Partner Writing

You are going to write a cinquain poem with your partner. The topic of your poem will be Beach. Close your eyes and think of as many words to do with the beach as you can. With your partner, write your words on a piece of paper in a brainstorm.



Partner Writing - Beach Poem

← One Word

← Two Words

← Three words

← Four Words

← One word



Independent Writing

Now you are ready to write your own cinquain poem. The topic of your poem will be Holiday. Close your eyes and think of as many words to do with a holiday as you can. When you are ready, write your ideas in your book in a brainstorm.

Holiday



Independent Writing - Holiday Poem

← One word

← Two words

← Three words

← Four words

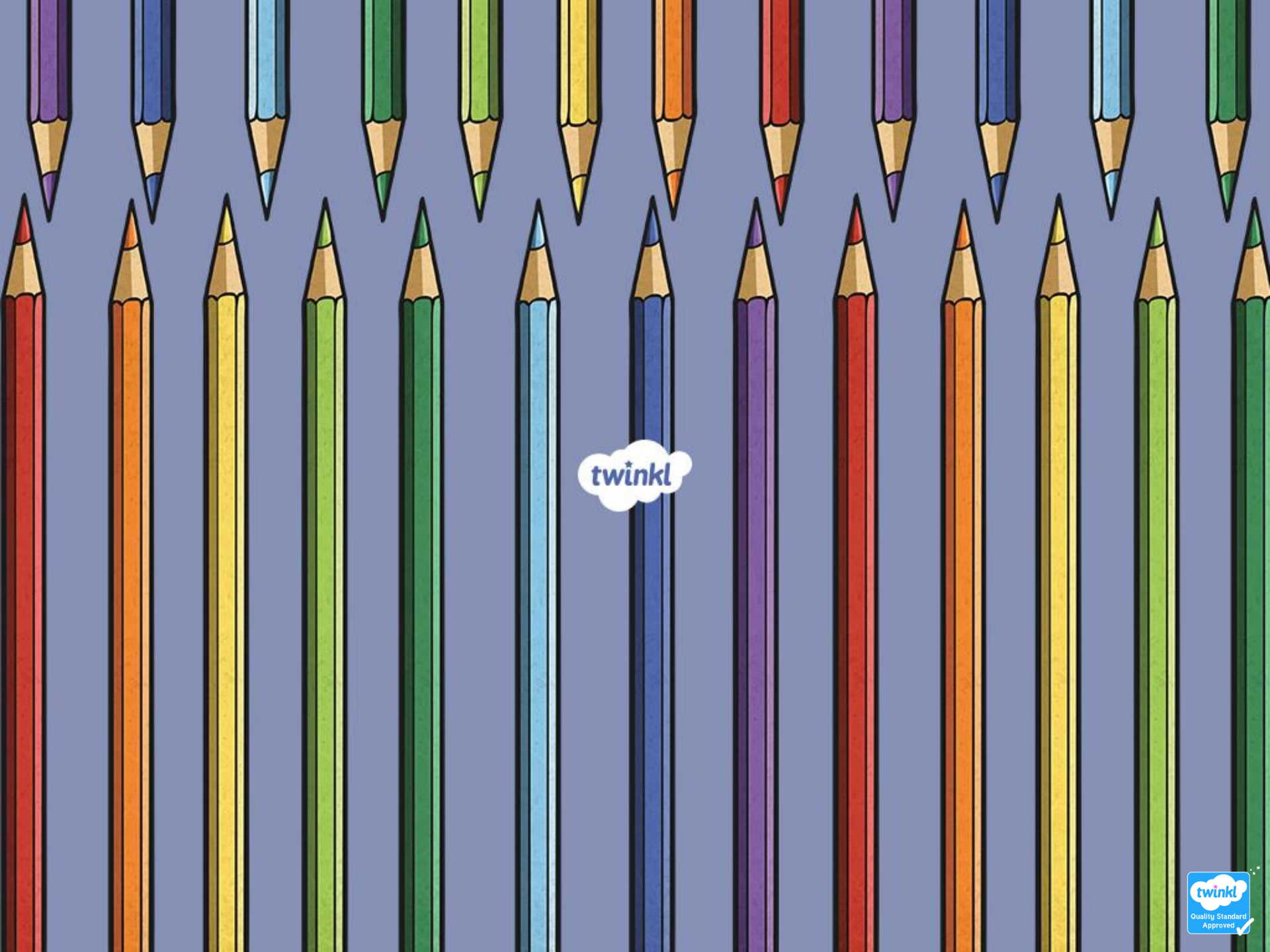
← One word



Independent Writing

Take turns in reading your holiday poem to your partner. After listening to your partner's poem, tell them two things you liked about it.





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