

Cinquains: Pronounced “san – cane”

LO: to recognise the features of cinquain poems.

Big Question: What do we know about poems so far?

Date:

5 Minute starter



1. What is a haiku?
2. How many lines are there in a haiku?
3. What is the syllable combination in the haiku?
4. What happens in the final line of a haiku?

Words of the Week
'Cinquain'

Word bank:

Rhythm
Syllable
Subject
Description
Action
Feeling
Conclusion

Extension task: Write down three themes that can be used to create a haiku poem.



Behaviours: Group discussion, debating, decision making, collaboration

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Answers.....

5 Minute starter

1. A traditional Japanese art form (poem).
2. Three.
3. 5 – 7 - 5.
4. The final line usually is a comment or observation of the theme.

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- **Extension task: Individual responses:** Seasons, nature or a traditional theme.



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Cinquain Examples

What is each poem about?

Birthday
Happy, fun-filled
Playing, eating, dancing
Come and celebrate it with
me

Party!

My pet
Fluffy, wriggly
Licking faces, chewing
Never stops chasing his own
tail!

Puppy.

Summer
Hot and sunny
lazing, slurping ice-creams
Passport, suitcase, boring
airport

No school!

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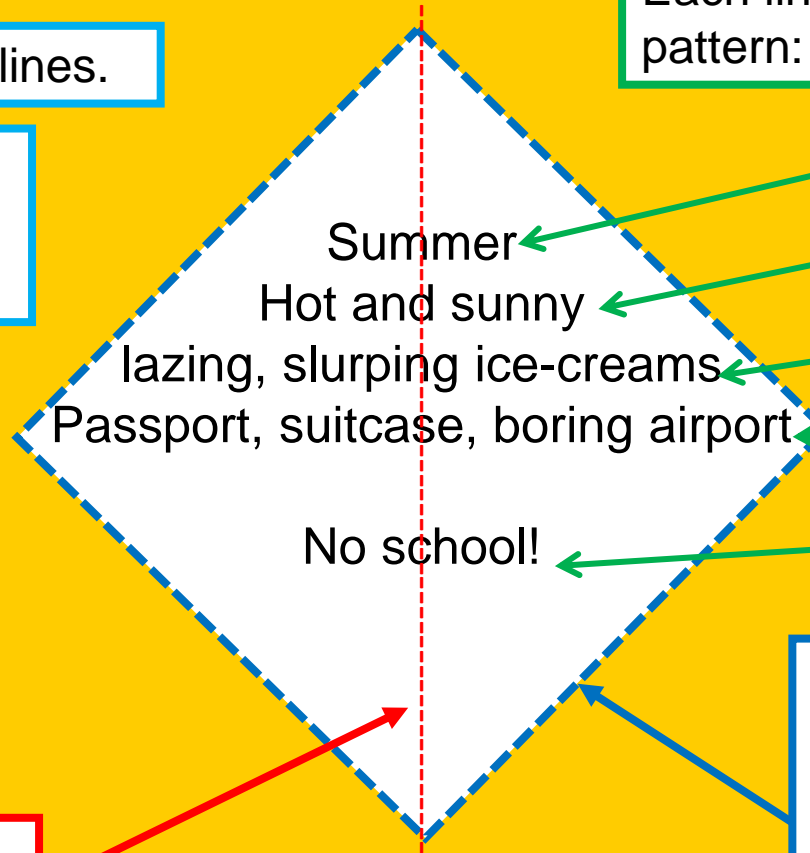
Cinquain Features

What similarities can you find between the three poems?

There are always five lines.

Each line of the poem develops the subject of the first word.

Lines are always written centred on the page.



Each line follows a general pattern:

subject

description

action

feeling

conclusion

The lines form the shape (approximately) of a diamond, so these poems are sometimes called diamond or diamante poems.

Did you know?

It's actually pronounced 'san-cane' not 'sin-kwane'.



Every cinquain has 5 lines.

The name comes from the French word 'cinq', meaning five.

The cinquain form was invented by the American poet Adelaide Crapsey, in about 1911.

Let's try it!

How can we write a cinquain?

First, think of a theme.

Well, lots of people like chocolate, so let's have that!



Let's try it!

Brainstorm lots of things you know about the theme.

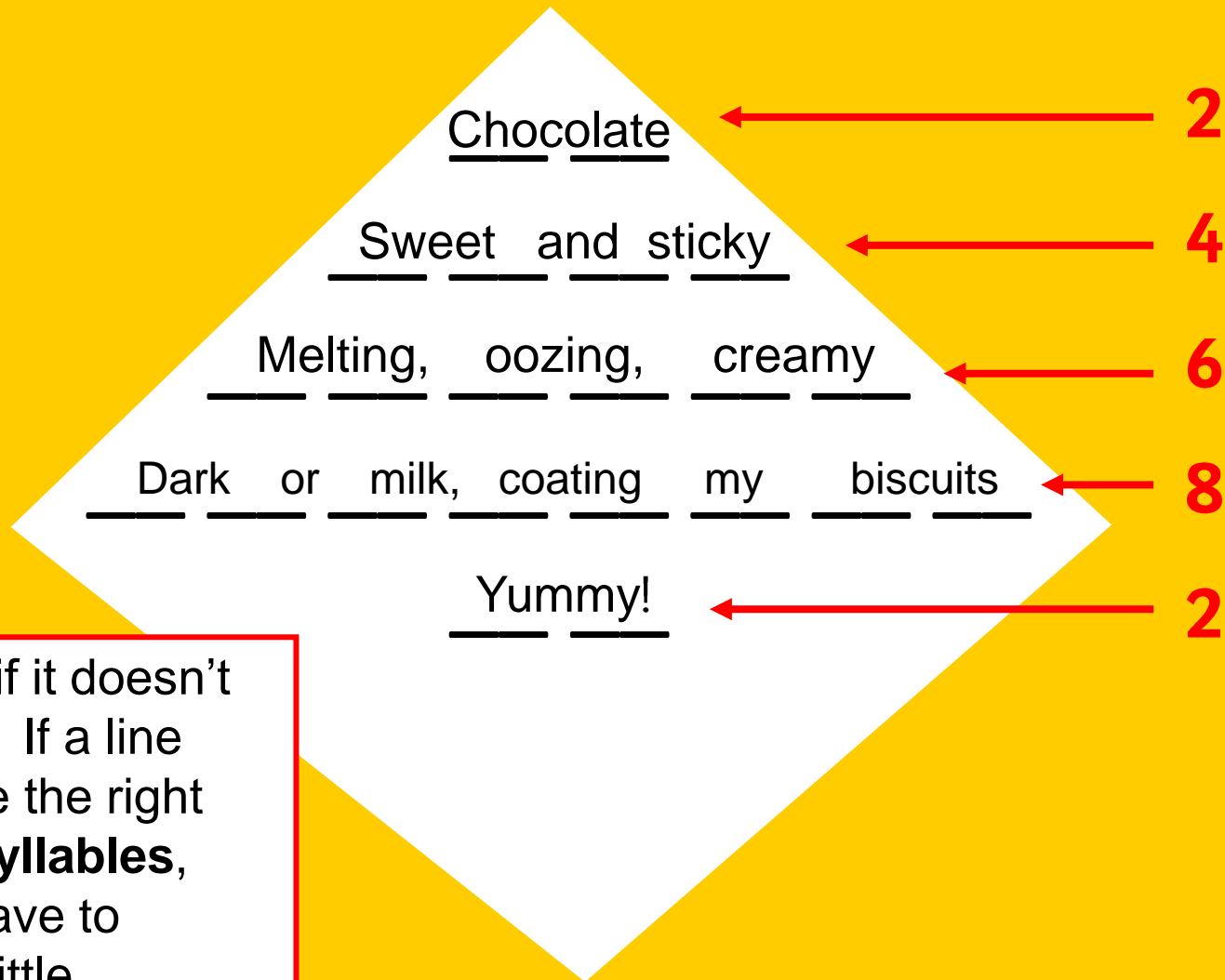
sweet sticky bars melts

cake **delicious** creamy **milk**

biscuits yummy **oozing** dark

Let's try it!

Now we need to fit those ideas into our 5 - line frame...



Don't worry if it doesn't work at first. If a line doesn't have the right number of **syllables**, you might have to change it a little.

Your Turn!

Here are some themes for a cinquain.
Which one would you choose?

my bedroom

our pets

summer

football

chocolate

friends

snow

Plenary

What have we learned about cinquains?

- Cinquains are five-line poems.
- They have 2 syllables in the first line, 4 in the second, 6 in the third, 8 in the fourth and 2 again on the last line.
- They often follow a pattern about a theme:
 - Subject
 - description
 - Action
 - Feeling
 - Conclusion
- A Cinquain doesn't have to rhyme.



The End