

Writing week 6 – 1st June 2020

Task 1

This week we'd like to focus on 'diamante' poems. Below is a short introduction to diamante poem writing...

Diamante Poem

What is a Diamante Poem?

A diamante poem is a poem that is written in the shape of a diamond. It can be written based on a topic of interest, or an object or person.

What is the Structure of a Diamante Poem?

A diamante poem is made up of seven lines. Each line has a set structure which creates the shape of the diamond which this poem is well known for.

We would like you to read the following selection of poems and talk about the shape and structure of the poem. What do you notice? Can you spot a pattern? What different word types can you find?

Dragons

Deadly, dangerous

Lashing, thrashing, glaring

Blood-curdling roar, elegant and graceful

Twirling, smiling, laughing

Beautiful, royal

Princesses

Fire

Bright, hot

Burning, flickering, smoking

Spreading from house to house, invisible but
there

Freezing, shining, slipping

Clean, clear

Ice

An Example of a Diamante Poem

Baby

Loud, smelly

Screaming, Crawling, Eating

Crying very loudly, taking care of their young

Protecting, Watching, Teaching

Lovely, caring

Parents



Task 2

Diamante poems are made up of the following word types or features: subject (noun), adjectives, verbs and phrases. Choose one of the poems from yesterday and see if you can sort the vocabulary below. **We have have attached more information on the next page but don't look yet!**

Subject	Adjectives	Verbs	Phrases

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Line 1 – Starting subject.

Line 2 – Two words describing Line 1.

Line 3 – Three doing words (verbs) about Line 1.

Line 4 – A short phrase about Line 1, and a short phrase about Line 7.

Line 5 – Three doing words (verbs) about Line 7.

Line 6 – Two describing words (adjectives) about Line 7.

Line 7 – Ending subject.

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Task 3

Diamante Poem

Before you begin writing your diamante poem you should start by writing down different ideas that you have about your two subjects. Use the following template to help you with your ideas. Remember that these topics should be connected in some way.

Choose a beginning topic: _____

What are some describing words (adjectives) that define your beginning topic?

What are some doing words (verbs) that your beginning topic does?

Write down some ideas/sentences about your beginning topic.

Choose an ending topic: _____

What are some describing words (adjectives) that define your ending topic?

What are some doing words (verbs) that your ending topic does?

Write down some ideas/sentences about your ending topic.

Task 4

