

Diamante Poem Formula

What is a Diamante Poem?

A diamante poem is a seven-line contrast poem written in the shape of a diamond. It is a poetic formula that helps students apply their knowledge of opposites and parts of speech.

Note: A diamante poem doesn't rhyme.

- LINE 1: one noun as the subject
- LINE 2: two adjectives describing the subject
- LINE 3: three participles (ending in – ing) telling about the subject
- LINE 4: Four nouns (the first two related to the subject and the second two related to the opposite).
- LINE 5: three participles telling about the opposite subject
- LINE 6: two adjectives describing the opposite subject
- LINE 7: one noun that is the opposite of the noun/subject on Line 1

EXAMPLE

BABY
(noun-subject)

WRINKLED TINY
(two adjectives describing the noun-subject)

CRYING WETTING SLEEPING
(three verbs ending in – ing)

RATTLES DIAPERS MONEY HOUSE
(two nouns related to subject/noun - two nouns related to opposite subject)

CARING WORKING LOVING
(three verbs ending in ing describing opposite subject)

SMART HELPFUL
(two adjectives describing opposite subject)

ADULT
(opposite subject/noun)