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# Diamante Poems

## What is a Diamante Poem?

A Diamante Poem, or a Diamond Poem is a style of poetry created by American poet Iris Tiedt in 1969. Diamante Poems are commonly known as Diamond Poems because the shape of the text forms a diamond; the beginning and ending lines are the shortest, while the middle contains longer lines.

Diamond Poems are seven lines long, and do not rhyme. Each line follows a very specific pattern, and the poem itself can be either a eponymous or antonymic diamante. In a eponymic diamante, the subject of the poem is a noun, and the poem is about that noun.

In an

Rule



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Line 3: three verbs ending in *-ing* that are related to the subject

Line 4: four nouns total; two about line one, and two about line seven

Line 5: three verbs ending in *-ing* related the subject in line seven

Line 6: two adjectives describing line seven

Line 7: a one word end subject

The basic structure of the poem looks like this:

Noun  
Adjective-Adjective  
Verb-Verb-Verb  
Noun-Noun-Noun-Noun  
Verb-Verb-Verb  
Adjective-Adjective  
Noun

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## How to write a Diamond Poem:

When writing a Diamond Poem you first need to think of a topic, or a subject. Remember, the subject of your poem must be a noun, a person, place, or thing. Next, decide if you want your poem to be a synonym or antonym diamante.

In the example below notice water is the subject of the poem. Now, look at line one then line seven. Both words are similar making this a synonym diamante poem.

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cracking, shimmering, arming

crystalline, cold

ice

- Carol-Ann Hoyte

Next, brainstorm a list of ideas that are related to your topic. On a sheet of paper make two columns. Write your topic for line one in one column, and your topic for line seven on the other. Think of as many words as you can, adjectives (describing words), verbs (action words), and some nouns that are related to each topic.

Choose words from the lists to use in your poem. Read the example again. Notice how the poet puts together adjectives, verbs, and nouns that make the poem flow.

Now you try!


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Choose a topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Is my poem going to be a synonym or antonym diamante: \_\_\_\_\_

## Brainstorm

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\_\_\_\_\_  
noun

\_\_\_\_\_ adjective      \_\_\_\_\_ adjective

\_\_\_\_\_ verb      \_\_\_\_\_ verb      \_\_\_\_\_ verb

\_\_\_\_\_ noun      \_\_\_\_\_ noun      \_\_\_\_\_ noun      \_\_\_\_\_ noun

\_\_\_\_\_ verb      \_\_\_\_\_ verb      \_\_\_\_\_ verb

\_\_\_\_\_ adjective      \_\_\_\_\_ adjective

\_\_\_\_\_ noun

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Write your finished poem in the diamond below.



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