Diamante Poems

A **diamante poem** (also known as a diamond poem) is a seven-line poem that forms the shape of a diamond. Instead of sentences, diamante poems are made with individual nouns, adjectives, and verbs. They can either describe one central topic or two opposing topics. Diamante poems do not have to rhyme.

Below is the correct layout for a diamante poem:

Noun
adjective, adjective
verb, verb, verb
noun, noun, noun, noun
verb, verb, verb
adjective, adjective
Noun

A **noun** is a person, place, thing, or idea. Write an example of a noun: _____

An **adjective** describes or modifies a noun. Write an example of an adjective: _____

A **verb** is an action or state of being. Write an example of a verb: _____

There are two different types of diamante poems. One type focuses on one central topic, with all seven lines describing the same idea. The first and last noun should have the same or similar meanings. The second type of diamante poem describes two opposing topics. The fourth line is where the transition from one topic to another happens. The first and last noun should have opposite meanings.

In the second diamante poem below, can you identify where the topic changes from summer to winter? Put a star ★ in the poem where the topic starts to change.

Example 1: One central topic

Plant
green, leafy
sprouted, growing, reaching
light, bark, roots, forest
seeded, shading, branching
tall, strong
Tree

Example 2: Two opposing topics

Summer
sunny, warm
swimming, playing, laughing
beaches, sunshine, snow, mittens
shoveling, blizzarding, cuddling
cold, chilly
Winter

Now it's your turn! Fill in the blanks to complete this diamante poem:

Kittens

_____ , soft
(adjective)

pouncing, _____ , napping
(verb)

yarn, _____ ball, _____
(noun)   (noun)

barking, jumping, _____
(verb)

fluffy, _____
(adjective)

_____
(noun)

Does this poem describe one topic or two? _____

Write your own diamante poem using the spaces below.

You can choose to write about one central idea or two opposing ideas.

_____
(noun)

_____ , _____
(adjective)   (adjective)

_____ , _____ , _____
(verb)   (verb)   (verb)

_____ , _____ , _____ , _____
(noun)   (noun)   (noun)   (noun)

_____ , _____ , _____
(verb)   (verb)   (verb)

_____ , _____
(adjective)   (adjective)

_____
(noun)