

DAZZLING DIAMOND

A **diamante** is a short seven-line poem written in the shape of a diamond. Two one-word nouns with opposite meanings form the basis of this brilliant style, where much is revealed in the end. Use the guidelines and template below to craft your own jewel of a diamond poem!

Line 1: Select a noun (the name of a person, place, or thing) as the subject of your poem.

Make sure that you know the word's opposite (or antonym), as you'll need to use it soon.

Line 2: Write down two adjectives that describe your subject word or top noun.

Line 3: Pick three verbs (action words) that end in "ing" and tell what the top noun does.

Line 7: Write down the noun that is the opposite of your subject word or top noun.

Line 6: Fill in two adjectives that describe the bottom noun or second "secret" subject.

Line 5: Add three verbs that end in "ing" and tell what the bottom noun does.

Line 4: Name four things that have to do with both the top and bottom nouns. Or name two things related to the top noun, followed by two things related to the bottom noun.

Helpful Hint: Use a different color marker or crayon for the words that go with the top noun, so that you can distinguish them (that's fancy for tell them apart) from those related to the bottom noun.

My Diamond Poem

_____, _____

_____, _____, _____

_____, _____, _____, _____

_____, _____, _____

_____, _____

Butterflies
Graceful, playful
Flying, fluttering, flapping
Beauty, whimsy, silk nests, foliage
Chomping, chewing, crunching
Fuzzy, leggy
Caterpillars

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