

“Diamante” – a Diamond Poem

Another “shape” poem, diamante requires you to begin with two nouns which are alike in some way, yet also opposites. I chose “Lion” and “Kitten”.

Start with one of them, centered on your paper –

Lion

Add two nouns which belong with your first word, centered beneath –

Teeth, Claws

Then, three quality adjectives describing that word –

Ferocious, Untamed, Kingly

Now for the switch: Begin with two “ing” words describing your first word, then add two “ing” words describing your second word (in this case, kitten) –

Roaring, Fighting, Leaping, Meowing

Three quality adjectives for the second word –

Cuddly, Sweet, Furry

Two nouns that belong with the second word –

Whiskers, Tail

And then the second word –

Kitten

Put this all together and you have a diamond-shaped poem:

Lion
Teeth, Claws
Ferocious, Untamed, Kingly
Roaring, Fighting, Purring, Meowing
Cuddly, Sweet, Furry
Whiskers, Tail
Kitten

What are some other word combinations? Try these, then think of your own –

Dog/wolf

Moon/Sun

Sister/Brother

Corvette/Truck

Hiking Boot/Slipper