



Writing a Diamonte Poem

A diamonte poem has seven lines and sixteen words.

It begins with one word of a pair of opposites. (The other word in the pair of opposites will be the last word of the poem.)

In the middle—line 4—the subject changes. The poem then begins to speak about the second word in the pair of opposites.

The lines of the poem are laid out in the shape of a diamond.

Here's the formula:

Line 1: The first word of the pair of opposites.

Line 2: Two words that describe the word in Line 1.

Line 3: Three action words that describe the first word and end in “ing.”

Line 4: Two words that describe the Line 1 word, then a dash, then two words that describe the second opposite.

Line 5: Three action words that describe the second opposite and end in “ing.”

Line 6: Two that describe the final word.

Line 7: The word that is the opposite of the word in Line 1.

Here is an example:

Adam
greedy, disobedient
turning, sinning, hiding
dark, ambitious—humble, light
serving, teaching, rising
generous, obedient
Jesus