

# Diamante (Diamond) Poems

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**Education Level:** Elementary

**Genre:** Poetry

**Time frame:** 45 minutes plus prep

**Objective:** Learn about and write diamante poems, paying attention to the use of nouns, adjectives, and verbs.

**Prior knowledge and skills:** none

**Required materials:** none

## **Pre-class prep:**

Write one or two Diamantes on a large sheet of paper to show the class. You can find some online or write your own.

On another sheet of paper, write out a blank Diamante template. (For individual poems, print out blank templates for each student to fill in on their own.

Templates are at the bottom of this lesson.)

## **Sequence of activities (self-paced):**

Share the poems with the class. Ask if they notice anything – hinting at the use of nouns/verbs/adjectives, and even the shape.

With younger kids I abandoned the specificity of the nouns/verbs/adjectives, but with older kids who are learning these, it's a good challenge.

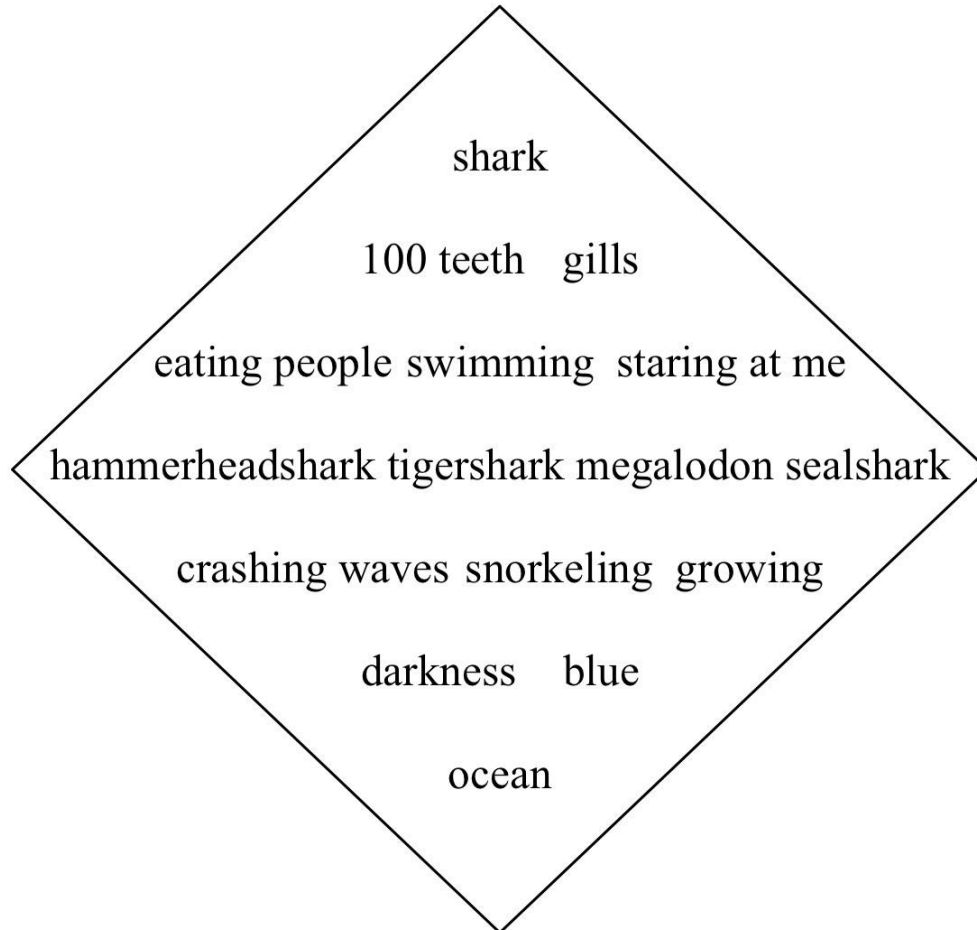
As a class, pick two words to be the beginning and end nouns. Depending on the grade level, there are many options here as well. You can focus on the words being antonyms or synonyms or simply pick two words that are related to each other. Brainstorm in the blanks! (You may have to repeat the definitions of nouns/verbs/adjectives throughout the brainstorm.)

Example from Charmaine Friga's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class, Cavett Elementary School

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Write your finished poem in the diamond below.

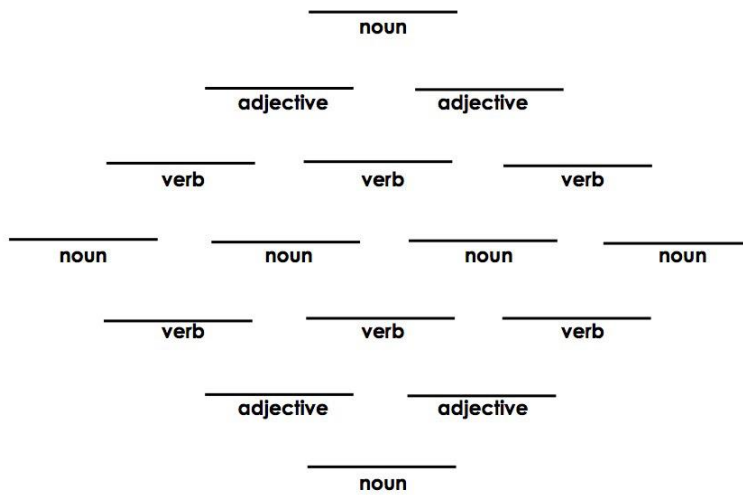


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Choose a topic: \_\_\_\_\_

## Brainstorm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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