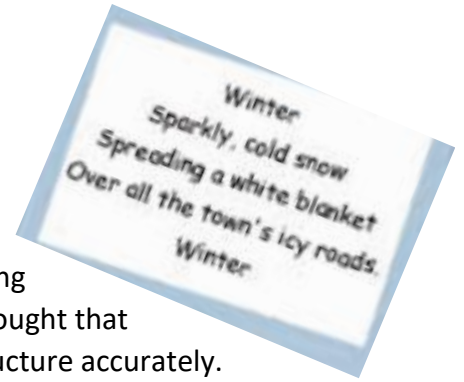


LO: I can draft a structured poem - Cinquains

I have been really impressed with the Haiku poems that you have been having a go at and sending in to me. I have been particularly impressed with the thought that you have put into your language choices and the way you have used the structure accurately.



For today's and tomorrow's English lessons I would like you to have a go at another type of structured poem, similar to the Haiku, called a 'Cinquain' (pronounced 'Sin-cane').

This type of poetry has five lines with 2 syllables in the first line, 4 in the second, 6 in the third, 8 in the fourth line, and just 2 in the last line. Cinquains do not need to rhyme, but you can include rhymes if you want to.

There is lots more information and some examples on the brilliant webpage [Ken Nesbitt's Poetry4kids.com](http://KenNesbitt'sPoetry4kids.com).

Thursday:

- Think about the theme of your poem (maybe it could be the snow and things you love to do in it, maybe it could be about a pet, maybe it could be about a favourite character?)
- Have a go at creating a word bank and experimenting with the different lines of the poem

Friday:

- Read back over your draft and think about whether you need to improve any of your word choices
- Check the syllables for each line
- Write out in neat – the traditional way to present the Cinquain is in a diamond shape

Extra Challenge?!

Using the same syllable structure of 2, 4, 6, 8, 2 – can you create a Cinquain with these additional features??

