



DIAMANTE POEM All About You!

At the beginning of a school year, have your child or students write a diamante poem all about themselves! It's one way students can introduce themselves to their new teacher and classmates. For homeschooling families, write a diamante poem for each member of the family, including mom and dad, dogs and cats! OR, for a family activity, write one diamond poem to represent the whole family. Make the first and last lines be your last name.

Most writers respond well to diamante poems because the expectations are so clear.

NOUN
ADJECTIVE, ADJECTIVE
VERB-ing, VERB-ing, VERB-ing
NOUN, NOUN, NOUN, NOUN
VERB-ing, VERB-ing, VERB-ing
ADJECTIVE, ADJECTIVE
NOUN

Diamante poems also lend the perfect opportunity to teach or review nouns, adjectives and verbs.

Here are the steps I use to teach this lesson:

1. Explain to the students that they're going to write a diamante poem about themselves.
2. Show the format of a diamante poem (see the diamond above)
3. Take a minute to make sure your writers know that:
A noun is a person, place or thing.
An adjective describes a noun.
A verb is an action word. It tells what the noun does.

Now to write!

1. On the top line, write your first name.
2. On the second line, write 2 adjectives that describe you.
3. On the third line, write 3 -ing verbs that you like to do.
4. On the fourth line, write 4 nouns of things that you like.
5. On the fifth line, write 3 more -ing verbs that you like to do.
6. On the sixth line, write 2 more adjectives that describe you.
7. On the seventh line, write your last name.
8. When the child is finished writing, take a picture of him or her to hang next to their poem.

