

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 Line 1.

Here is an example:

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