This worksheet is intended to help the student use the correct format for the diamante poem.

Diamante Worksheet

ITB Poetry Contest

Applicants are expected to type or handwrite the poem on a separate piece of 8 ½ x 11 paper.
ITBE Poetry Contest
Diamante Rubric Guidelines

Diamante (dee ah MAHN tay) is a French word meaning diamond. The following attributes must be included in the poem.

_____ / 1  **Shape:** The poem is shaped like a diamond. (1 point = yes / 0 points = no)

_____ / 1  **Lines:** There are 7 lines in the poem. (1 point = yes / 0 points = no)

_____ / 16  **Speech:** 6 nouns, 4 adjectives, 6 verbs, appear in the correct order. (Student receives one point for each word that is the correct part of speech & appears in the correct order.)

Line 1: 1 noun
Line 2: 1 adjective, 1 adjective
Line 3: 1 verb, 1 verb, 1 verb
Line 4: 1 noun, 1 noun, 1 noun, 1 noun
Line 5: 1 verb, 1 verb, 1 verb
Line 6: 1 adjective, 1 adjective
Line 7: 1 noun

_____ / 2  **Contrast:** There are 2 contrasting topics in the poem. The poem compares the student’s culture to American culture. 2 points = Yes there are two topics, 0 points = No there aren’t two topics.

_____ / 1  **Spelling:** All words are spelled correctly. (1 point = yes / 0 points = no)

_____ / 3  **Topic:** Each word or phrase relates to the topic.
3 points = 15 - 16 words relate to the topic.
2 points = 13 - 14 words relate to the topic.
1 point = 12 - 11 words relate to the topic.
0 points = 10 words or less relate to the topic.

_____ / 3  **Linguistic Complexity** – use specialized words, not common words
(Judges are looking for writers that use descriptive words versus common words. Example: “beautiful” is descriptive where as “pretty” is more common.) **Don’t worry** if your students’ writings aren’t using a lot of specialized words. They are competing against other ELL/bilingual students.

3 points = 13 - 16 words are specific, specialized vocabulary
2 points = 9 - 12 words are specific, specialized vocabulary
1 point = 8 - 11 words are specific, specialized vocabulary
0 points = 0 - 10 or less words are specific, specialized vocabulary

_____ / 3  **Using Voice.** The poem uses language that engaged the reader and revealed the writer’s personality in the poem.
3 points = The poem engaged the reader and the writer’s personality was evident.
2 points = The poem engaged the reader OR the writer’s personality was evident.
1 point = The poem attempted to engage the reader OR reveal the writer’s personality.

_____ / 30  **Total points**
*Be sure to download the Diamante Worksheet to help guide your students.*
Diamante Scoring Sheet for Elementary Poetry Contest

First grade all of your poetry entries. Next rank your entries. Finally submit your top 5 Diamante entries for each grade you teach.

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