

POETRY CHALLENGE 3: Cinquains

A cinquain is a simple descriptive poem made up of five lines.

WATERMELON

Watermelon
Juicy, sweet
Dripping, slurping, smacking
So messy to eat
Yummy

SNOW

Snow
Lovely, white
Falling, dancing, drifting
Covering everything it touches
Blanket

[These examples are taken from yourdictionary.com]

CHALLENGE:

Can you write your own cinquain? Follow these instructions and give it a go:

1. The first line is one word, and is the subject of your poem (and the title).
2. The second line is made up of two adjectives that describe your subject.
3. The third line has three words that tell the reader more about the subject. Action words are good here for contrast. Try words that end in '-ing'.
4. The fourth line needs four words that show emotions about the subject. It could be individual words or a short phrase.
5. The fifth line is one word that describes the subject again, summing up your ideas.

If you get stuck for ideas think about your favourite foods, people, animals, activities.

Good luck!

FURTHER NOTES AND IDEAS:

You can find out more about cinquains, and the woman who invented them, here:
<https://examples.yourdictionary.com/cinquain-examples.html>