

Sample Cinquains

puppy
ornery, naughty
growling, jumping, chewing
a playful bundle of trouble
Boxer

tree
white, tall
reaching, bending, fluttering
leaves and twigs in the wind
aspen

penguin
black, white
waddling, swimming, leaping
a tuxedo in the cold water
emperor

party
happy, cheerful
singing, eating, playing
my eighth birthday party
perfect

apple
red, delicious
crunching, chewing, eating
my favorite snack
apple

rodeo
loud, busy
roping, riding, exciting
dozens of horses in the arena
stampede

keyboard
fun, new
reading, laughing, writing
you have 6 new messages
e-mail

truck
big, long
driving, speeding, passing
tractor trailer on the highway
semi

racing
fast, zip
buzzing, rushing, flying
drivers on the track
NASCAR

dessert
cold, creamy
eating, giggling, licking
cone with three scoops
ice cream

Name _____

Date _____

Cinquain Graphic Organizer

A cinquain is a five-line poem that describes a person, place, or thing.

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|---------------------------|---|--|
| dessert | ? | a one-word title, a noun |
| cold, creamy | ? | two adjectives |
| eating, giggling, licking | ? | three -ing participles |
| cone with three scoops | ? | a phrase |
| ice cream | ? | a synonym for your title, another noun |

Use this organizer to write your own cinquain.

1 _____
a one word title, a noun that tells what your poem is about

2 _____, _____
two adjectives that describe what you're writing about

3 _____, _____, _____
three -ing participles that describe what your poem is about

4 _____
a phrase that tells more about what you're writing about

5 _____
a synonym for your title, another noun that tells what your poem is about

Cinquain Reflections Worksheet

1. What do you like most about your poem?

2. If you could change something about the poem, what would you change?

3. Of the poems that you heard when we shared our cinquain, which poems did you like best and why?

4. What will you do differently the next time you write a poem?
