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Writing cinquains

Cinquains are clever short poems which use syllabics (syllable counting). There's no need to rhyme.

Lines often take the following form:

2 syllables

4 syllables

6 syllables

8 syllables

2 syllables

Here are some examples written by the poet Angela Topping:



For the wash

My socks

Jazzy jumping ones

Stripy frogged and clocked ones

Birthday bright and bobbed ones, now

Sweaty.

Four o'clock snack

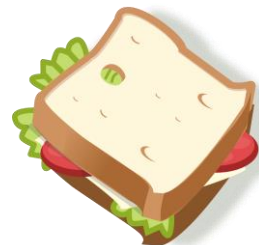
Sandwich

No butter please

Crusty bread thick-cut some cheese

Lettuce tomato mustard please

Great stuff!



On the transience of pleasure

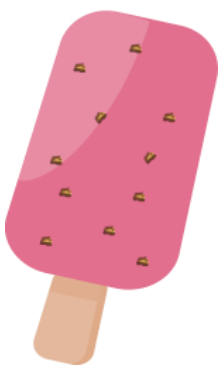
Hot day

Pink ice lolly

Soft ice-cream inside it

Cool treat melting on my tongue, now

Just stick.



After school

Switch on

Spiderman starts

I fight villains and win

Without stirring a fingertip.

Magic!



Writing cinquains


You are going to write some cinquains about your favourite foods or sweets, or even the foods you hate.

If you choose to write about foods you like, make our mouths water! If you write about foods you hate, your job is to make the reader dislike them too!

Include the following when you eat these things: their taste, smell, appearance and how you feel afterwards. Brand names can be good to include in poems as well.

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