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Name _____

Vocabulary

syllable – part of a word that is pronounced with one uninterrupted sound. Each syllable contains one sounded vowel.

noun – 1. a word that can serve as the subject or object of a verb. 2. a word that can be used to refer to a person or place or thing.

verb – word that expresses action or a state of being.
(Ex.: give, build, run, be, happen, do, have, would, seem)

adjective – word describing noun: a word that describes or qualifies a noun or pronoun. Adjectives are usually placed just before the words they qualify: *shy* child, *blue* notebook, *rotten* apple, *four* horses, *another* table.

participle – a verbal form having some characteristics and functions of both verb and adjective: the present participle ends in -ing (asking) and the past participle most commonly ends in -ed or -en (asked, spoken):
participles are used:

- a) in verb phrases (*are asking, was carried*)
- b) as verbs (seeing the results, he stopped)
- c) as adjectives (a *laughing* boy, the *beaten* path)
- d) as nouns, i.e., gerunds (*seeing* is believing)
- e) as adverbs (*raving* mad)
- f) as connectives (*saving* those present)

Handwriting practice lines on page 18. The page features a dashed border and 15 horizontal solid lines for writing practice.

Poems

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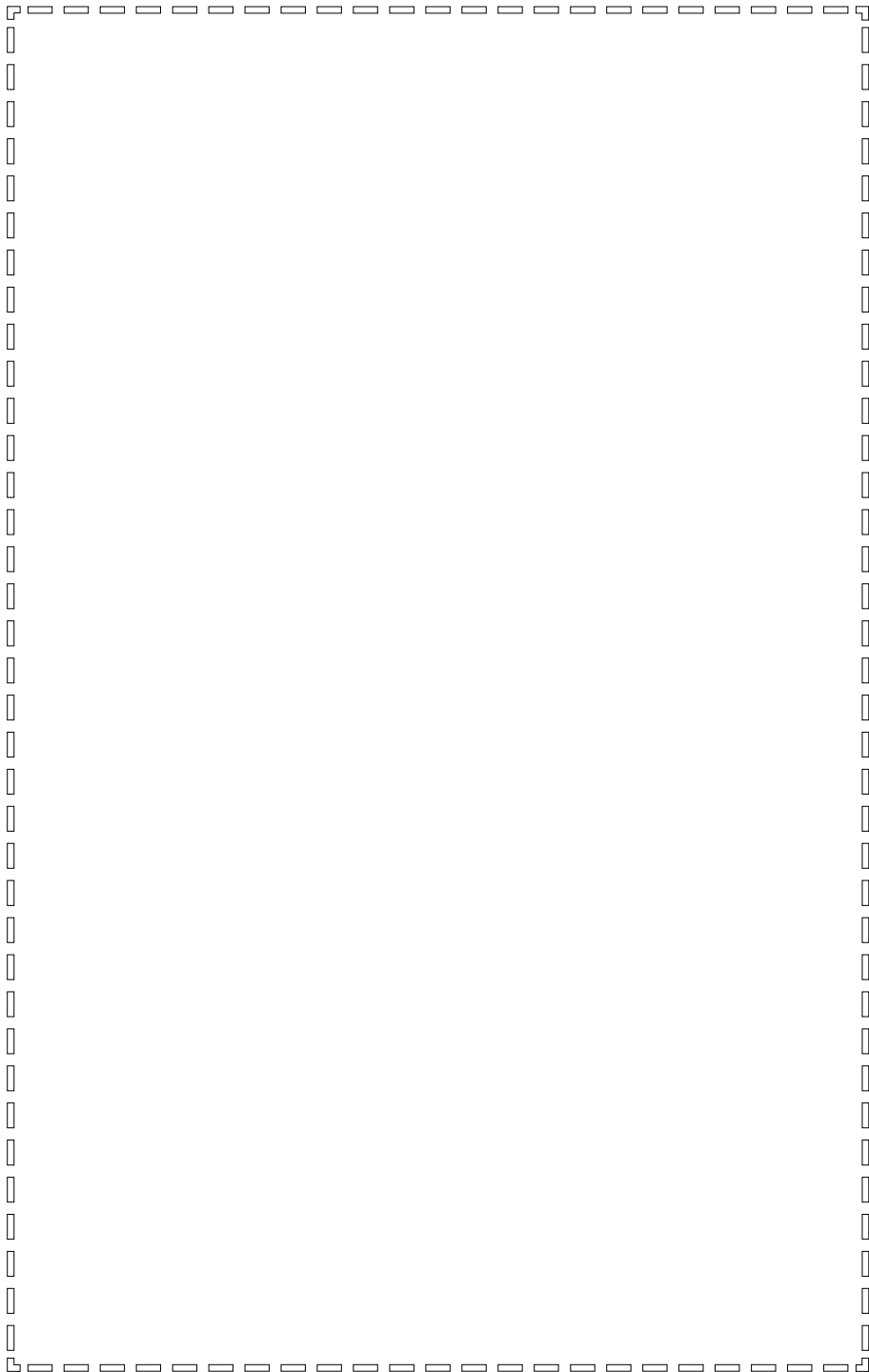
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Free Verse

Free verse follows no set formula or style, *example page 146*.

EXAMPLE:

I am
the tree
that overcomes
all.

I am
the one
that laughs at
the wind.

I am
one with
the forest.

[illegible]

Haiku

Haiku is a Japanese form of poetry that consists of three lines.

EXAMPLE:

The snow-covered tree

Sparkles in the bright moonlight.

The wind rushes by.

Line one: five syllables

Line two: seven syllables

Line three: five syllables

Title: _____

Title: _____

A large rectangular area defined by a dashed border, intended for writing a poem.

Windspark

Windspark poems have five lines

Line one: I dreamed

Line two: I was.... (something /someone)

Line three: where

Line four: an action

Line five: how

EXAMPLE:

I dreamed

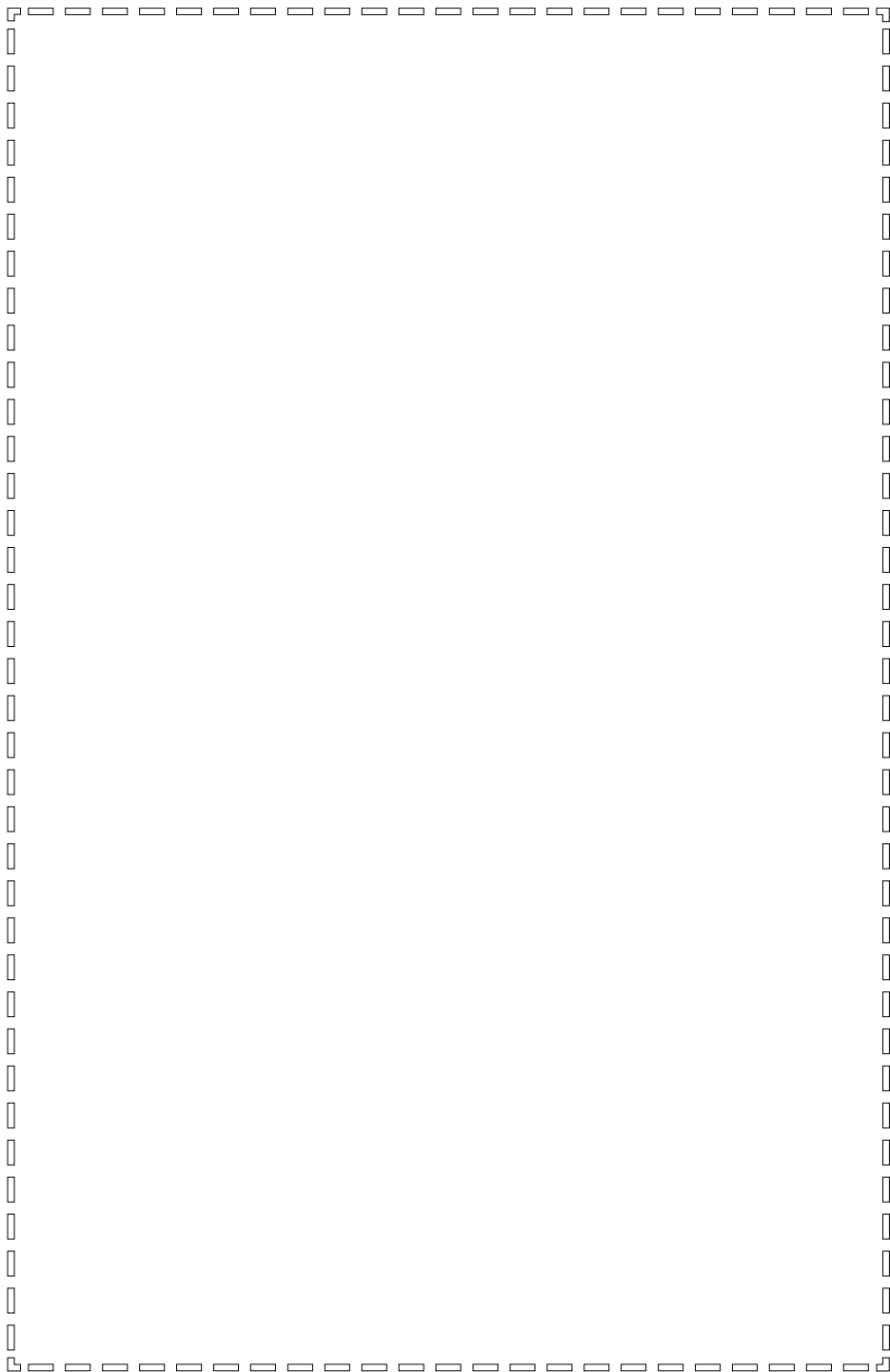
I was a tree

On a hillside

Playing with the wind

Joyfully.

Five horizontal lines for writing a poem.



Cinquain

Cinquain poems consist of five lines; each with a mandatory purpose and number of syllables.

Line one is the title: two syllables

Line two is a description of the title: four syllables

Lines three describes action: six syllables

Line four describes a feeling: eight syllables

Line five is another word for the title: two syllables.

EXAMPLE:

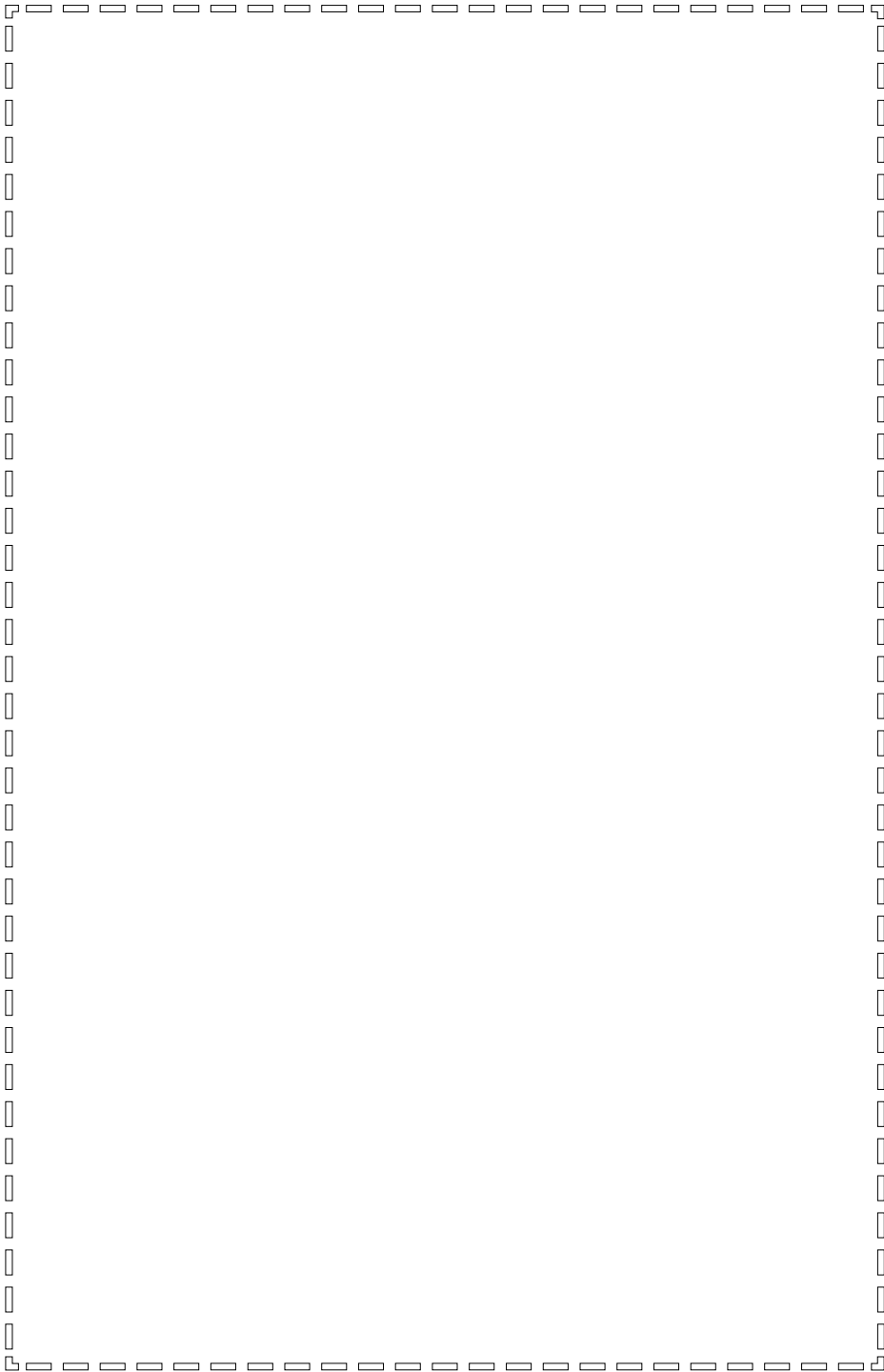
Forests

Graceful, growing

Climbing among the clouds

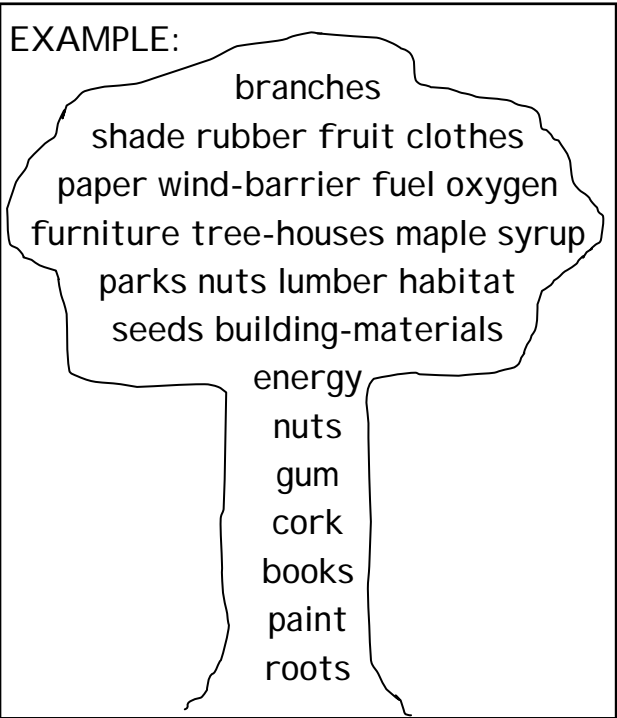
Calmly awaiting the sunrise

Alive.



Shape Poetry

Shape poetry forms a picture of what is happening in the poem.



A large rectangular area defined by a dashed border, intended for writing an acrostic poem.

Acrostic

Acrostic poetry - The first letter in each line, when read vertically, spells something or conveys some other kind of message.

Line one is the title: two syllables

Line two is a description of the title: four syllables

Lines three describes action: six syllables

Line four describes a feeling: eight syllables

Line five is another word for the title: two syllables.

EXAMPLE:
Towering
Reaching
Extending
Embracing the sky.

Five horizontal lines for writing an acrostic poem.

[illegible]

Diamante

Diamante poems are diamond-shaped and consist of seven lines that follow this pattern.

noun
adjective adjective
particle participle participle
noun noun noun noun
participle participle participle
adjective adjective
noun

EXAMPLE:

seed
small buried
growing breathing living
protection oxygen shade habitat
dying rotting crumbling
moist rich
soil