



TOPIC: Language Arts  
Creative Writing  
GRADE LEVEL: 2 - 6  
TIME: 45 min.

## DIAMANTE FOR HOLIDAYS

**OBJECTIVE:** The student will be more aware of his senses and express emotions about special holidays by writing a specific form of open poetry called Diamante.

**MATERIALS:**

1. The Diamante pattern and example.
2. Paper and pencil.



**PROCEDURE:**

1. Talk about a holiday.
2. Draw a chart on the board with the following categories:

Smells	Tastes
Sounds	Sights
Things you feel	

3. Place all the ideas on the chalkboard in categories.
4. After talking about these ideas, tell the students they will write a diamante about the holiday.
5. Explain the pattern and put it on the board.
6. As a class, write a diamante about the holiday.
7. Assign the students to write two poems about the holiday or something associated with the holiday. Use the following as examples:

Halloween	Witches
Bats	Pumpkins

8. These make nice displays and can be used as a message in a greeting card that the student can make.
9. This activity can be used for topics other than holidays.



**DIAMANTE PATTERN**

	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Example</u>
Line 1	Subject (person)	Thomas
Line 2	Two adjectives or words that describe subject	Happy, Friendly
Line 3	Three words that show action, usually "ing" words	Helping, Playing, Laughing
Line 4	Two words that describe subject	Round Face
Line 5	A synonym for subject	Friend

