

Cinquain (sink-ain)

In the French language, “cinq” means five. The cinquain is a poem with five lines and focuses on the use of syllables. See below for the complete cinquain poem rules, an example and your own planning chart.

Cinquain Poem Rules:

1. Line 1: One word with two syllables (This may also serve as the title of the poem.)
2. Line 2: Four syllables (These words describe the subject.)
3. Line 3: Six syllables (These words show action.)
4. Line 4: Eight syllables (A statement about something that is felt or noticed about the subject.)
5. Line 5: Two syllables (These words describe the subject.)

Cinquain Poem Example:

Popcorn
Fluffy, crunchy
Explode, popping, bouncing
Tasty snack covered with butter
Yummy!

Cinquain Poem Planner:

