

Write a Diamante Poem about an African animal using
synonyms

Diamante Poems Follow a Specific Formula

- **Line one:** Noun
- **Line two:** Two adjectives that describe the noun in line one
- **Line three:** Three verbs that end with “ing” and describe the noun in line one
- **Line four:** Four nouns—the first two must relate to the noun in line one and the second two will relate to the noun in line seven
- **Line five:** Three verbs that end with “ing” and describe the noun in line seven
- **Line six:** Two adjectives that describe the noun in line seven
- **Line seven:** Noun that is opposite in meaning to line one (antonym diamante) or the same in meaning (synonym diamante) as the noun in line one

Noun
Adjective adjective
Verb verb verb
Noun noun noun noun
Verb verb verb
Adjective adjective
Noun

I would try to use two animals that have similarities; eg a lion and a leopard or a rhino and a hippo, or a giraffe and a zebra.

Then I would try to think of lots of nouns, verbs and adjectives that would describe the animals.

Then I slot them into the poem in a way that works for me.

This is an example of one that I wrote about a rabbit and a hamster.

Rabbit
Quiet, fluffy,
Snuffling, hopping, watching,
Hutch, burrow, cage, exercise ball,
Twitching, peering, hiding,
Small, cuddly
Hamster

1. Think of two African animals that have similarities.
2. Write a diamante poem about them.
3. If you have time, then think of two African animals that are sort of opposites and using antonyms write a diamante poem about them.

This is my example of an antonym diamante poem that I wrote.

Snake
Silent, sleek
Sliding, slithering, swaying,
Scales, desert, spots, bush,
Walking, chewing, watching,
Majestic, tall,
Giraffe