

These are just a few examples of final draft Cinquain Poems, written inside "Cinquain Poem Frames."

CINQUAIN POEM

dictator

powerful, oppressive

ruling, controlling, dominating

doesn't let the people speak

harsh

by: author's name

CINQUAIN POEM

memoir

interesting, real

recording, sharing, explaining

the important events of a person's life

memorable

by: author's name

CINQUAIN POEM

equator

middle, between

dividing, separating, warming

right in the middle of the two poles

center

by: author's name

CINQUAIN POEM

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- _____ 8. Children aged three to six become more *dexterous* (dĕk' stər-əs) as a result of small-muscle development and increased eye-hand coordination. They are increasingly skillful, for instance, at drawing, using a spoon and cup, and dressing themselves.
- _____ 9. Many people believe that lava is the main material *extruded* (ĭk-strōōd'əd) from a volcano. However, huge quantities of broken rock, fine ash, and dust are also cast out by volcanic explosions.
- _____ 10. Researchers have learned a *disconcerting* (dĭs'kən-sŭrt'ĭng) fact: eyewitnesses often identify innocent people as being guilty. Scientists have also discovered the equally disturbing fact that there is no relationship between how confident witnesses are and how correct they are.

3 Antonyms

An **antonym**—a word or phrase that means the opposite of another word—is also a useful context clue. Antonyms are sometimes signaled by words and phrases such as *however*, *but*, *yet*, *on the other hand*, and *in contrast*.

Look again at the sentence on page 17, “Those who *advocate* capital punishment often argue that it prevents crime, but those who oppose it say it has no such effect.” Here the word *oppose* is an antonym that helps us realize that the word *advocate* means “support.”

Look also at the cartoon below.



Note that the antonym *hard work* helps you figure out that *indolent* must mean “lazy.”

- _____ 2. It was hard to know what the speaker was really feeling—was his enthusiasm *feigned* or genuine?
Feigned (fānd) means
A. secret. B. faked. C. formal.
- _____ 3. Roberto's mother was *lenient* when he took money from her dresser drawer, but when he stole candy from a drugstore, her punishment was harsh.
Lenient (lē'nē-ənt) means
A. not strict in punishing. B. tough. C. complimentary.
- _____ 4. My sister thinks it's *futile* to try to talk my parents into exercising, but I feel it could be useful to show them statistics that tell how beneficial exercise is.
Futile (fyōōt'l) means
A. unlikely. B. useless. C. sentimental.
- _____ 5. Those who agreed with the mayor's tax proposal were in the majority, but there were also some outspoken *dissidents*.
Dissidents (dīs'ĭ-dənts) means
A. those in the majority. B. supporters. C. people who disagree.
- _____ 6. A *sedentary* lifestyle is a risk to health. Physically active people have a much better chance of avoiding heart disease and premature death.
Sedentary (səd'n-tēr'ē) means
A. free of stress. B. inactive. C. unusual.
- _____ 7. The Judeo-Christian religions believe in an *omnipotent* deity, but that is not true of all religions. Some, both ancient and modern, believe in a god or gods whose power is limited.
Omnipotent (ŏm-nĭp'ə-tənt) means
A. helpful. B. invisible. C. all-powerful.
- _____ 8. In the United States, there is no *stigma* attached to divorce. Divorce has gained approval as a solution to marital unhappiness.
Stigma (stĭg'mə) means
A. honor. B. shame. C. cost.
- _____ 9. The social and environmental influences on aging suggest that if the aging process can be sped up, it can also be *impeded*.
Impeded (ĭm-pēd'ĭd) means
A. recognized. B. slowed down. C. healthy.