# LO: To write a poem

## Top Tips:

A kenning consists of noun-noun phrases or noun-verb phrases

A kenning does not name the theme of the poem

# What is a kenning?

Kennings are like riddles.
They describe something without ever saying what it is.

Read these phrases out loud. What could they be describing?



lip-licking

sauce-swirling

chin-dripping

cone-filling

flake-holding

tongue-freezing

# What is a kenning?

How about these?



tail-wagger

face-licker

ball-catcher

sofa-hogger

door-scratcher

cat-chaser

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# What is a kenning?

What did you notice about the phrases in each poem?

Each line of the poem is made of a two-word phrase.

tail-wagger

face-licker

Here the phrases are made up of a noun + a noun (by adding –er to the second noun).



The words are joined by a hyphen.

lip-licking

chin-dripping

Here the phrases are made up of a noun + a verb (the verb usually ends in -ing).



# Let's have a go!

How can we write a kenning?

First, we need to choose a theme.



cat

Then, we brainstorm lots of words or phrases associated with that theme…

mice drinks milk nuzzle scratch

stalk **sleeps a lot** fur **night**

hunter hates **rubs ankles** purr

dogs

# Let's have a go!

How can we write a kenning?

To start creating your kenning, try and make a noun + noun phrase or a noun + verb phrase using your words.

nose

ear

mice

drinks milk

nuzzle

scratch

night

lick

stalk

**sleeps a lot**

fur

**night**

hunter

hates

**rubs ankles**

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dogs

# Let's have a go!

How can we write a kenning?

Finally, put them together in your two-word phrases.

Don't forget the hyphens!

mouse-hunter
milk-drinker
night-stalker
fur-licker
ankle-rubber
dog-hater
nose-nuzzler
ear-scratcher
loud-purrer






