

Recipe for Cooking A Cinquain Poem



A cinquain poem is highly structured recipe. You will need to be fluent and flexible as you cook up a cinquain poem. Writing poems in this format commands attention to word choice, word meaning, syllabication, and parts of speech. Most importantly...you still need to develop a meaningful message. Use the [Cinquain Worksheet](#) to gather the ingredients you need for your poem.

Ingredients for a true cinquain poem are:

Line 1: 1 word title (noun)	2 syllables
Line 2: 2 descriptive words (adjectives)	4 syllables
Line 3: 3 words that express action	6 syllables
Line 4: 4 words that express feeling	8 syllables
Line 5: 1 word (synonyms or reference to title in line 1)	2 syllables

Novice poetry cooks may wish to modify the recipe for a Cinquain poem by deleting the syllable requirements.

Review the [checklist](#) before serving your poem to your friends, teacher, and family.