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Special Methods II
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Homework Assignment One: Diamond Poem

Goal: to practice using a beginning level activity for Standard 1.3 that can be used in one of your internship classes.

Objective: Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of descriptive vocabulary by creating a diamond poem.

Directions: Use the following format to create a description of a noun of your choice, either a person, a place, or a thing. Write a brief paragraph explaining how your Diamond Poem connects to a lesson or topic that you have covered or will cover in your internship. Also, explain how you would connect this activity to one of the Pathwise domains.

Due: 9-14 in your target language. Send as an e-mail attachment and bring a copy to class.

Guidelines:

Line 1 = 1 noun

Line 2 = 2 adjectives

Line 3 = 3 verbs

Line 4 = a phrase or a sentence

Line 5 = another noun, either a synonym or an antonym of the original noun

Your final project should appear on the page in the shape of a diamond as shown in the example below. You create the diamond shape by controlling the length of the text in each line.

Buckaroo
Determined, nimble
Jumping, chasing, racing
Our zen-pup
Friend

Resource:

Blaz, D. (2002). *Bringing the Standards for foreign language learning to life*.
Larchmont, N.Y.: Eye on Education.