

Poem writing, Brain hurting, Thought provoking

KENNINGS

Learning Objectives:

To learn what a kenning is.

To write examples of our own kennings.

What is it?

A kenning is a way of describing something using clues rather than just saying what it is.

Each line is two words long.

A heat giver

A light maker



The word kenning comes from a viking phrase which means:

"to express a thing in terms of another"



It is like a 'mini riddle' used to describe something

Here is an example of a
kenning about a cat:

A paw licker
A day dreamer
A milk drinker
A ball chaser
A dog hater
A mouse chaser
A stroke lover



Lets see if you can guess what these kennings are describing

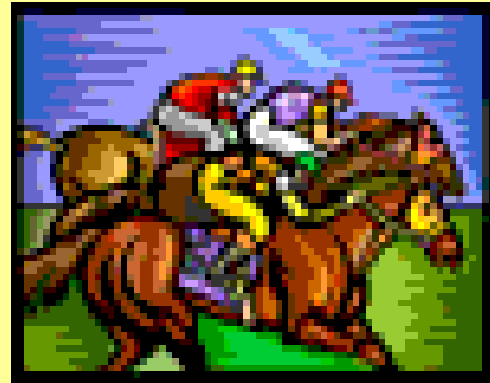
A great jumper

A water drinker

A straw eater

A strong walker

A race runner



A ball chaser
A crowd pleaser
A fast runner
A sneaky diver
A corner taker
A goal scorer
A mate hugger



A word holder
A story teller
A best seller
A page turner
A cliff hanger
A fantasy gateway



How do I write one ?

It is not as hard as it seems.

Remember:

To start each kenning with A

A night flyer,

A mouse eater,

A silent swooper



Remember:

To use verbs to describe the object
further

A night flyer,

A mouse eater,

A silent swooper



And if you want a challenge use
alliteration

A night flyer,
A mouse eater,
A **silent swooper**



Think about what the subject does....

For example a wolf

- ✓ Comes out at night
- ✓ Eats meat
- ✓ Hunts its prey
- ✓ Lives in the woods
- ✓ Howls at the moon

This becomes.....

A night mover

A meat eater

A prey hunter

A wood dweller

A moon howler



Now it's your turn!



GET WRITING!