

kennings

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Learning Objective:

I can write a kenning about an animal.

What are they?

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

Each line is two words long

(not including the 'a').

A heat giver

A light maker



The word kenning comes from a Viking phrase which means:

“A two worded phrase describing an **object, emotion, person or animal**”



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

*Here are some one line kennings
that you may have heard:*

- Milk Guzzler
- Motor mouth
- Tree swinger
- Book worm

What do you think they are describing?

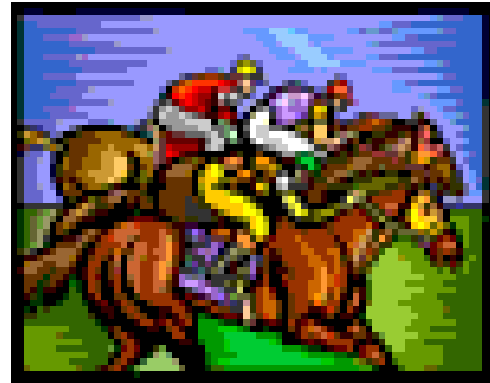
Here is an example of a kenning about a cat:

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 pitch 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 holder



How do I write one?

It is not as hard as it seems 😊

For your kennings I want you to follow this pattern:

Start each kenning with 'A'.

Then you need to use a noun = thing, person, place

Finally you need to link the noun with a verb (doing word) and add 'er' on the end. This turns it into an 'er' noun.

e.g.

A music player

A text sender

A people connector

What could this be?

Think about what the subject does, eats, how it moves etc.

For example a baby - I've listed a few things that remind me of a baby:

- ✓ Never quiet
- ✓ Blows raspberries
- ✓ Has a dummy
- ✓ Drinks milk
- ✓ Doesn't want Mummy and Daddy to sleep

This becomes.....

A peace breaker
A raspberry blower
A dummy sucker
A milk ~~drinker~~ guzzler
A sleep depriver



Task

Your Kenning:

- You are going to write a kenning about an animal.
- Can't have the name of the animal in the riddle.
- Must have a noun followed by an 'er' noun (a verb with er on the end) e.g. stomper, thumper, catcher, pouncer.
- Read your success criteria and try to stick to it.
- Good luck 😊