# Animal Kenning

## Key Stage 2

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| Learning Objectives | To write an animal kenning poem. |

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## Teacher Prep

- Materials on desk.
- 1 sheet of A3 paper between 3 children and
- 1 piece of presentation paper

## Lesson

### Starter:
**Carpet activity:** Share an example of a kenning (see attached). Review the key features of a kenning – a poem which gives clues about its topic without explicitly stating the noun it describes. Each line of the poem is two words long, typically with a noun and verb. Typically each line starts with ‘a’. (15 minutes)

### Main activity:
1. **Table activity:** Children to get in groups of 3 and decide on an animal. They will write their animal name/draw it in the centre of an A3 pieces of paper. They will use Bic® Kids Visa Felt Tip to mind map descriptive clues about the animal in the style of Kenning sentences i.e. worm-eater, seed-muncher. (10-12 minutes)

2. **Table activity:** Each group member will then individually write up a Kenning using a selection of their group ideas. Using the Bic® Learner Ball Pen Twist System, they will write onto their poem presentation paper (example attached).

3. **Table activity:** Draw and colour in a boarder, using Bic® Kids EVOLUTION™ Ecolutions® Colouring Pencils, with pictures that reflect the animal the kenning is about. (10-15 minutes)

### Plenary:
**Carpet activity:** Read out poems to other members of the class WITHOUT telling them the animal. The class have to guess which animal the poem could be about. (10 minutes)

### Differentiation:
- Mixed attainment groups.
- Phonics support on desks to help with spelling.

## Learning Outcomes

- To understand the key features of a kenning poem.
- To work in a group to mind map initial stages of a kenning.
- To individually write a kenning.
- To decorate a boarder for the kenning.
- To perform a kenning to others.

## Follow on Activities

- Ensure each individual has read their kenning aloud. Display them on the wall.

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Kenning Examples:

- a worm-eater
- a nest-maker
- a cushion-filler
- a seed-muncher
- a fish-guzzler
- a fast-flier
- a cat-escaper
- a tree-liver
- an acrobatic-glider
- an adventurous-swooper
- a tweeting-singer

put these together,

I’m a bird!
Animal Kenning

[Insert Animal Name here]

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