

WRITING ACTIVITY: IT'S A CINQUAIN (SIN-CANE) ABOUT SANDWICHES!

Carla makes so many different sandwiches that it's hard to know which one is her favorite! Choose two of her sandwiches in the story and write a cinquain poem about each one.

Rules for writing your cinquain poems:

1. Each poem is 5 lines long
2. Each poem has 2 syllables in the first line, 4 in the second line, 6 in the third line, 8 in the fourth line, and 2 in the last line.
3. Your poem does not need to rhyme, but you can include rhymes if you like.

MATERIALS —

Paper/pencil or tablet

PREPARATION TIME —

None

LENGTH OF ACTIVITY —

30 minutes

DIRECTIONS FOR ACTIVITY —

Both the adult and child pick a sandwich from the story and work together to write poems!

1. Brainstorm ideas about your sandwich. Write down as many things you can to describe your sandwich. Be sure to include all of your senses!
2. Next, decide on what story you want to tell and start counting syllables. If a line has too many syllables or not enough, can you change the words to get it just right?
3. Once you are done, be sure that the poem says what you want it to say. Make edits, if necessary.

Sample poem about Ice Cream:

Ice cream.
Cold and yummy.
I love its sweet richness
as it finds its way into my
tummy.