

# Kennings Poems

In literacy we look different forms of Poetry. Today, we are looking at Kenning Poems.

## Kennings Rules

What is this poem all about?

They work like a **riddle** - you have to guess what it's all about! ?

Kennings describe what a **person, idea or object** is or does.

Sun-stealing  
Night-stretcher  
Cold-maker  
Snow-faller  
Face-freezer  
Christmas-bringing

We use kennings in our everyday language, such as 'sky-scraper' for a very tall building.

If you are creating a noun + a verb phrase, your verb may end in -ing, e.g. milkshake-drinking.

Each line is a simple phrase of either a noun + a noun OR a noun + a verb.

If you are creating a noun + a noun phrase, try adding -er to the second noun, e.g. cheese-eater.

Here are some example Kennings. Can you guess what they are about?

**Example:** Mouse catcher  
Night stalker  
Silent swooper  
Star hooter  
(= Owl)

1.  
City-player  
Goal-scorer  
Fast-player  
Great-toucher  
Good-header  
Skilful-kicker  
Crowd-pleaser  
League-winner

**2.**

Fish-eater

Ice-slider

Snow-waddler

Egg-sitter

Cold-lover

Good-swimmer

**3.**

Mouse-killer

Paw-scratcher

Night-Prowler

Wool-chaser

Dog-hater

Wall-climber

Bird-listener

Sofa-hogger

**4.**

Fast-runner

Speedy-galloper

Hay-eater

Apple-muncher

Fence-jumper

Water-drinker

Intelligent-racer

Rosette-winner

**Your task is to write a kenning about a plant, a tree, animals that live in woodlands or what a tree is for the creatures that use it. E.g. Beak-sharpener (woodpecker).**