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Class: _____ Date: _____

Diamante Poem: Favourite Animals

An activity of "The world's most loyal dog turns 100".

- 1a) Read the article, "The world's most loyal dog turns 100" (page 12, *What's Up* August 2023).
- 1b) What are your thoughts and feelings after reading the story about Hachiko? Would you like to keep a pet like Hachiko? Why or why not?

- 1c) With a partner, share about a special pet you have or which you have read/ heard about.

- 2a) A diamante poem is a poem that takes the shape of a diamond. It is made up of seven lines organized in a specific pattern of words and syllables. Diamante poems are known for their structured format and contrasting descriptions.

The pattern for a diamante poem is as follows:

Line 1: One word (noun) representing the subject or theme of the poem.

Line 2: Two adjectives describing the noun in line 1.

Line 3: Three participles (-ing verbs) describing the noun in line 1.

Line 4: Four nouns (two related to line 1 and two related to line 7).

Line 5: Three participles (-ing verbs) describing the noun in line 7.

Line 6: Two adjectives describing the noun in line 7.

Line 7: One word (noun) representing the antonym or opposite of the noun in line 1.

The structure of a diamante poem looks like a diamond, with the focus transitioning from one concept to its opposite in the middle and back to the first concept. To explain this more clearly, here are a couple of examples:

Cats
Independent, Aloof
Purring, Napping, Pouncing
Meow, Whiskers, Muzzle, Bark
Fetching, Wagging, Chasing
Loyal, Affectionate
Dogs

Birds
Dainty, Feathery
Tweeting, Perching, Gliding
Wings, Beaks, Trunk, Tusk
Stomping, Swinging, Spraying
Gentle, Giant
Elephants

2b) Create a diamante poem about two animals that are very different from each other.

2c) Share your poem with the class.