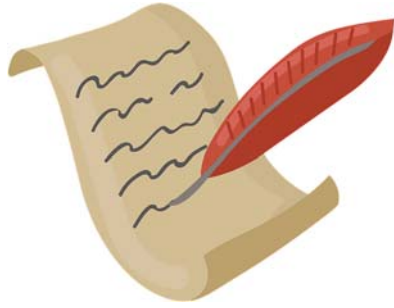


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Crafting Kennings

Directions: A **kenning** is a figurative compound phrase (like “whale-road” for the sea) used in Old English poetry. Complete the two parts of this activity:

Part I - Identify Kennings

Read the lines below (inspired by *Beowulf*). Underline the kenning in each sentence and write what it means in modern English.

1. The warriors set sail across the **whale-road** to reach Denmark.

Meaning in modern English: _____

2. Beowulf faced the **sky-candle** shining above the battlefield.

Meaning in modern English: _____

3. Grendel fled back to his **shadow-stalker's home** beneath the marsh.

Meaning in modern English: _____

4. The dragon guarded its **gold-hoard** deep inside the barrow.

Meaning in modern English: _____

5. The poet's voice carried through the **word-hoard** of ancient tales.

Meaning in modern English: _____

Part II - Create Your Own Kennings

Create **three original kennings** of your own. Try making them for:

- A **modern object** (e.g., cell phone, car, computer)
- A **person** (e.g., teacher, athlete, friend)
- A **natural element** (e.g., sun, storm, mountain)

Write your kennings here:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____