

# Kennings Rules



What is this poem all about?

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

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

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

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.

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

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

