



Poetry - Ancient or Modern?

In Anglo-Saxon poetry they often used a noun phrase in place of a more familiar noun and so would call the sea the **whaleroad** or a sword a **battlefriend**.

They were actually describing a well known noun in a way which described its qualities and characteristics in a fresh way. This is called a 'kenning'.

In this way a cat would be described as a **mousecatcher**, **chairscratcher**, **treeclimber**, etc.

Practice by making up kennings about common objects then work with a partner to generate as long a list as possible about **the wind turbines**.

For instance:

- Windsweeper
- Skyscraper

Choose the most powerful ones and make them into a kenning poem