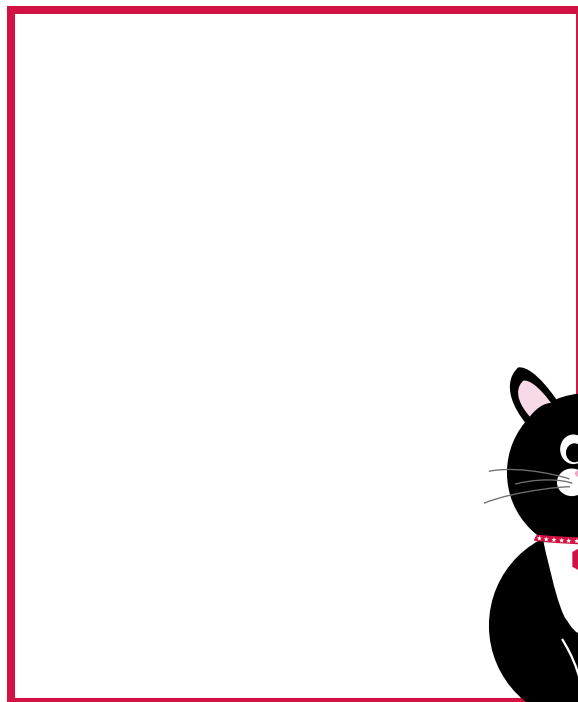
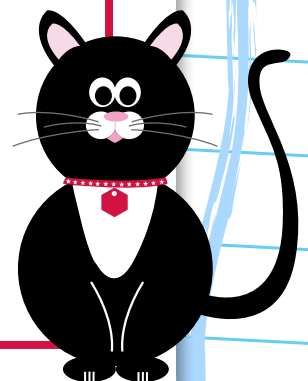


## Write your own kenning

### Brainstorm box

A kenning puts two nouns together to describe what an object is – for example, ‘bone house’ for body.

- Think of an object or living creature that is important to you, for example your bike or your cat.
- In the brainstorm box, write words that describe what the object is, what it does and what it means to you.
- You are now going to turn each description into a two-word kenning. For example, if your cat catches birds and sits on your lap these two things could become ‘bird catcher’ and ‘lap warmer’.
- In the box opposite write a poem using your kennings. You may wish to use the name of the creature or object as the title, or use one of your kennings.

Research the Anglo-Saxons’ use of kennings. See if you can find out which piece of equipment soldiers often used a kenning to describe.