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Using the word bank below, fill in the blanks in the sonnet according to the “rules of sonnets”

What is your substance, whereof are you made,
That millions of strange shadows on you _____?
Since every one hath, every one, one's _____,
And you, but one, can every shadow _____.
Describe Adonis, and the _____
Is poorly imitated after _____;
On Helen's cheek all art of beauty set,
And you in Grecian tires are painted new;
Speak of the spring, and foison of the _____;
The one doth shadow of your beauty show,
The other as your bounty doth appear,
And you in every blessed shape we _____.
In all external grace you have some part,
But you like none, none you, for constant _____.¹

WORD BANK

SHADE LEND TEND COUNTERFEIT
YOU YEAR KNOW HEART

What is the average number of syllables per line?

Did you look up any of the words in the sonnet? If so, what ones? Write them down on another piece of paper and attach to this worksheet.

1. Shakespeare, William. Complete Works. USA: Edward Brothers Inc., 2004. Pg 1199