Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. Haikus are three-lined, poems that follow a 5-7-5 syllable pattern. Haikus are often about nature. Haikus do not rhyme.

Pattern:

Line 1: five syllables

Line 2: seven syllables

Line 3: five syllables

Example:

Look at you, small snail There with your house on your back

Forever alone

Write a nature Haiku. Do this activity outside if you can. If you cannot go outside, look out a window or imagine a place in nature. Before you write a haiku, make a list of things that you see and hear in nature.

- Trees
- grass

- Butterflies
- bees

Now choose some things from your list to write about. Write two different haikus. <u>Tip</u>: If your haikus are too long, try getting rid of words like "a," "an," and, "the."

5 syllables Grass upto my knee

7 syllables Surrounded by The tall tree

5 syllables My Home sweet home now

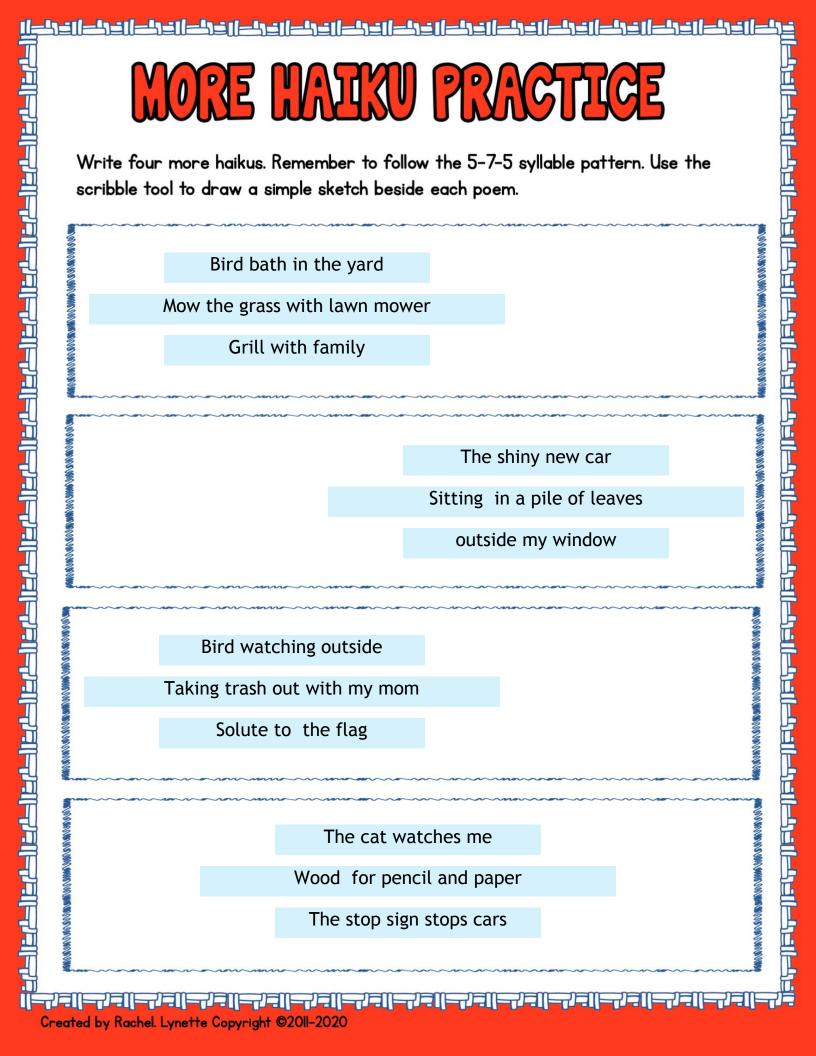
5 syllables Fly Beautiful bug

7 syllables Butterflies in my stomach

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5 syllables

Bee hive is for bees





A cinquain is a structured, five-line poem. A cinquain does not rhyme You can write a cinquain just by following the pattern.

Pattern:

Line 2:

Example:

Line 1: A noun

Two adjectives

Line 3: Three "-ing" verbs

Line 4: A phrase

Line 5: Synonym for the first noun

Wilbur

humble, radiant

playing, crying, hoping

Will always love Charlotte

Pig

Follow the pattern to write a cinquin about a person (don't forget to add commas).

Noun

matt

2 adjectives

Clumsy, tall

3-ing verbs

falling, tripping, hitting

Phrase

Will always be tall

Noun synonym

giant

Now try a cinquain about an animal.

Noun

dog

2 adjectives

Fluffy, cute

3-ing verbs

Playing, walking, barking

Phrase

Mans bestfriend

Noun synonym

family

