

HAIKU

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.

Tip: 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

5 syllables

Bee hive is for bees

MORE HAIKU PRACTICE

Write four more haikus. Remember to follow the 5-7-5 syllable pattern. Use the scribble tool to draw a simple sketch beside each poem.

Bird bath in the yard

Mow the grass with lawn mower

Grill with family

The shiny new car

Sitting in a pile of leaves

outside my window

Bird watching outside

Taking trash out with my mom

Solute to the flag

The cat watches me

Wood for pencil and paper

The stop sign stops cars

CINQUAIN

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 1: A noun
- Line 2: Two adjectives
- Line 3: Three "-ing" verbs
- Line 4: A phrase
- Line 5: Synonym for the first noun

Example:

*Wilbur
humble, radiant
playing, crying, hoping
Will always love Charlotte
Pig*

Follow the pattern to write a cinquain 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

MORE CINQUAIN PRACTICE

Write 3 more cinquains. Remember to include commas and follow the pattern:

noun
2 adjectives
3 -ing verbs
a phrase
noun synonym

Cinquain Ideas

- ✧ a special place
- ✧ something in nature
- ✧ your favorite food
- ✧ a character from a book
- ✧ an event
- ✧ an object you use everyday

tree

Tall, big

Growing, aging, expanding

Tree of life

oxygen

birthday

Older, age

Aging, celebrating, growing

Happy bithday

Enjoy

Mac and cheese

Yellow, cheese

Eating, fulfilling, cooking

Finger linking good

food