

Build a Haiku Poem

What is Haiku?

- Haiku is a form of poetry from the country of Japan.
- Haiku is about the beauty of nature. It is easy and fun to learn to write.
- A Haiku poem is made up of 3 lines.
- The 3 lines equal a total of 17 syllable – sounds.

A syllable is a sound in a word. The word, syll – a – ble , has 3 sounds.

- Haiku Lines 1 and 3 both have 5 syllable – sounds each. Line 2 has 7 syllable – sounds.

The sound pattern is 5-7-5. (5 + 7 + 5 = 17)

Examples of syllables: Hai – ku = 2 syllables. Po – em = 2 syllables. Word = 1 syllable.

What is your name? Count the syllables in your name. (Al – ex – an – der = 4 syllables).

- Haiku poems do not have to rhyme.

Here are some examples of Haiku:

Example #1 Title: Morning

1	2	3	4	5
Birds	sing	in	tree	tops.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Frogs	croak	in	ponds	with	gold	fish.

1	2	3	4	5
Ba-	bies	sleep	and	dream.

Example #2 Title: *Rain*

1 2 3 4 5
The rain falls free - ly.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
The flow - ers drink, live, and bloom.

1 2 3 4 5
The ducks are hap - py.

Word Bank for Writing a Spring Haiku Poem

Nouns (words that name a person, place, or thing)

1. spring, grass, tree(s), bird(s), frog(s), duck(s), snake(s), sky, rain, sun, cloud(s), nest(s), apple(s), seed(s)
2. morning, flower(s), garden, raindrop(s), baby, sunshine, weather, bunny, bunnies, rabbit(s)
3. butterfly, butterflies, umbrella
4. caterpillar

Pronouns (words that take the place of a noun)

1. you, me, she, her, it, him, you, yours, them, they, we, us, your, yours, mine, our, ours

Verbs (words that show action)

1. sing(s), fly, flies, swim(s), crawl(s), fall(s), shine(s), hop(s), rains, buzz(es), shine(s), see(s), smell(s), touch(es), play(s)
2. slither, slithers, raining, singing, flying, swimming, crawling, falling, shining, hopping
3. Slithering

Adjectives (words that describe nouns and pronouns)

1. red, pink, blue, green, brown, warm, soft, sweet, day, bright, light, white, glad
2. yellow, purple, orange, happy, joy, pretty, sunny, funny, fluffy, little
3. beautiful

Adverbs (words that describe verbs)

1. soon, once, there, here, more, now, less, near, for
2. after, always, never, before, later, sometimes
3. yesterday, finally, happily, cheerfully

Prepositions (words that show how other words are related)

1. from, for, in, on, at, near, by, off, up, with
2. above, around, about, under, behind, across, into
3. alongside, underneath

Interjections (words that show strong feelings - surprise, excitement)

Use a Question Mark (?) or an Exclamation Mark (!) after the word.

1. ow, ouch, wow, yikes, oops, gee, what, hey, hi, please, no, oh, good
2. hurrah, really

Conjunctions (little words that join other words together)

1. and, are, or, if, since, where, when, while, though, but, yet, for, so
2. because, neither, either, although, until

Write Your Own Haiku

Poem #1, Title _____

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Poem #2, Title _____

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Have fun making up patterns of words. You can draw a picture to illustrate your Haiku words.

Your imagination can take you anywhere you want to go.