

Creative Writing Workshop 4 Kidz

Build a 'Haiku' Poem

Teacher Applications: This lesson is for Readers. Copy Instruction Page and/6 Worksheets as needed. Pre-Readers Group Activity can practice clapping out syllable count in their names.

Content to Teach: What is 'Haiku'? Reading and Writing Haiku.

'Haiku' (*hye-koo*) is a form of poetry that began in Japan. Haiku is often about nature.

"Here are six rules that are your tools for you to build a Haiku Poem"

- . The poem must have only three lines.

- . Line 1 must have 5 syllables (counts/beats)

- . Line 2 must have 7 syllables.

- . Line 3 must have 5 syllables.

- . Haiku does not have to rhyme.

Here is a Sentence.

"The winter snow falls in white overcoats wrinkled and wraps the green trees".

Here is the Sentence written in Haiku. (You can model this on a blackboard or a flipchart.)

1 2 3 4 5
The win-ter snow falls *This is a line. The numbers are syllables.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
in white o-ver-coats wrink-led, *This is a line. The numbers are syllables.*

1 2 3 4 5
and wraps the green trees. *This is a line. The numbers are syllables.*

NOTE: *You are not counting the words. You are counting the 'syllables' of each word.*

Name _____ Date _____

Worksheet #1 and Group Activity for Readers: Read together each verse below. Count and Clap Out each syllable in each line.: “Now you write the numbers above the syllables of each word in each 3-line verses. * Remember the count pattern: 5-7-5.”

Sample Verse 😊

1 2 3 4 5

*Spring comes sud-den-ly.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

The rose is res-ur-rec-ted,

1 2 3 4 5

and the bees are glad!

😊 The rains all fall down
from the do-main of hea-ven
to cleanse the earth’s pores.

😬 The rain is a clown.
It bal-an-ces on the leaves,
making flow-ers laugh!

😬 Sil-ly car-rots wear
on-ly or-ange col-ored clothes
and green pon-y tails.

(“Watch out for this one!” Cross out the line where the syllable count is wrong!”)

😊 A frost-ed win-dow,
ba-bies tucked in beds so soft and warm;
snow is drift-ing down.

Name _____ Date _____

Worksheet #2: Build a Haiku Poem with an Illustration (Picture) Story Prompt.
Write a Haiku poem about the picture of this” happy little puppy wagging his tail”.

Line #1:

1 2 3 4 5

Line #2

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Line #3

1 2 3 4 5



Worksheet #3: Practice Reading Haiku Example 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 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.

Draw Illustrations

Worksheet #5: Practice Writing Haiku. Create a name (a Title) for your poem.
Have fun creating patterns of words. Your Imagination can take you anywhere you want to go!

Poem #1, Title _____

1 2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 2 3 4 5

Draw an Illustration

Worksheet #6: Practice Writing Haiku

Poem #2, Title _____

1 2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 2 3 4 5

Draw an Illustration

End of Workshop: Build a Haiku Poem