



Activity

Haiku

The haiku is a type of poem that originates from Japan, and was developed during the time of the samurai and shoguns (war generals), around the 17th century, that is, in the 1600s. This form of poetry seeks to express emotions and reflect on the passing moment.

THERE ARE TWO GENERAL RULES TO WRITE A HAIKU:

1. **Its form:** A haiku has **3 verses** – *a verse is a line in a poem* – and each verse is written on one line. So, a haiku is a poem of 3 lines in total.
 - a. If you want to try to write a real haiku, you can follow the following structure:
 - The first line of your poem should have 3 words;
 - The second line should have 5 words;
 - The last line should have 3 words.
 - b. If you find it too complicated to count words, just try to compose a haiku of 3 lines, without dwelling on the number of words per line.
2. **Its point:** A haiku is inspired by elements in nature, such as an animal, an insect, a plant, a tree, a season, etc. The choices are endless!
3. Chose one or a few natural elements that surround and inspire you, and use them to compose your haiku.
 - a. A haiku does not need to make sense, it can be funny or serious.
 - b. Use the next page to create your haiku.

EXAMPLES OF 3 DIFFERENT HAIKUS:

Delicate orange blossom
Petals dancing in the wind
Sweet and soft

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Tiny house cricket
You are far from invisible
The cat eats

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A blue dragonfly
Lands on my red cap
How it shimmers





YOUR TURN TO WRITE A HAIKU!

Which elements in nature did you choose? Look around you!



Verse 1 • 5 syllables or 3 words

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Verse 2 • 7 syllables or 5 words

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Verse 3 • 5 syllables or 3 words

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