

## Writing Haiku

### Japanese poetry!

Haiku is poetry from Japan. In main idea of the poem is usually something in nature. Haiku does not have to rhyme. It uses simple words and grammar. It contains 3 lines with 17 syllables. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables.



### Instructions

1. Divide each line below into syllables. Write the number of syllables.

**Line 1:** Clouds float slowly by      Syllables: \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 2:** Fluffy, lumpy, cotton balls      Syllables: \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 3:** Silver, gray, and white      Syllables: \_\_\_\_\_

What is this haiku about? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Write a haiku poem different from the one above, write a two-syllable word in each blank. The words should describe clouds.

Clouds float \_\_\_\_\_ by  
*2-syllable adverb*

Fluffy, \_\_\_\_\_, cotton balls  
*2-syllable adjective*

\_\_\_\_\_, grey and white  
*2-syllable adjective*