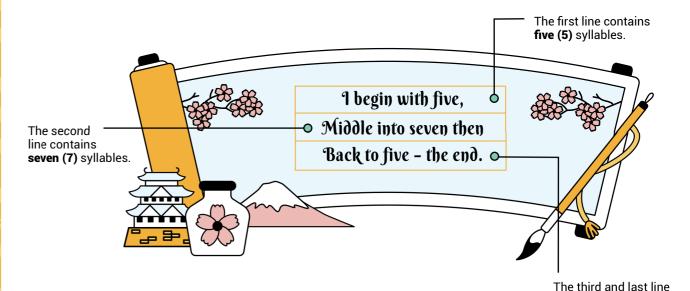




The haiku is a short poem usually composed of three lines.



contains five (5) syllables.





5-7-5! That should be easy enough to remember.

The haiku is a type of poem that originated from Japan.

Matsuo Bashō, the Japanese poet, popularised the haiku form during the Edo period (1603-1867) as he travelled through the country and wrote verses on the natural scenery he encountered.

Given the haiku's compact structure, the writer of a haiku must not use more words than needed. Ideally, a haiku should be read in one breath.

Below is an example of a haiku on the night sky:



Want to write a haiku of your own? First, choose a subject. It could be the scene before you. Soak in the scene with your senses. What do you see and hear? How do you feel? Pen a haiku to capture it all!



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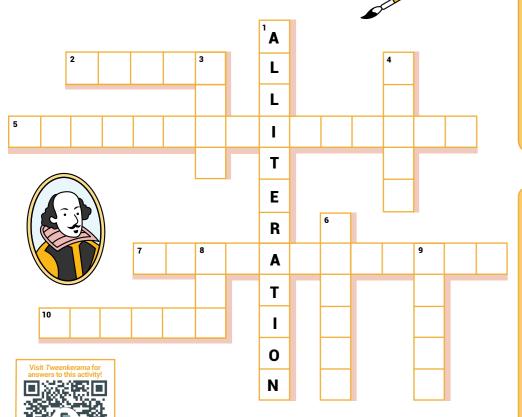




# Poem Types and Poetic Devices

A poetic device is a literary tool that writers and poets use to enrich their writing. What are some poetic devices you know? Can you also name a few types of poems other than the haiku?

Challenge yourself with the crossword puzzle below! The first word has been done for you.



### Across

- 2. When the last syllables of words sound similar, they can be said to \_\_\_\_. Examples: love/dove, whirl/swirl, sun/fun.
- **5.** A poetic device that assigns human attributes to animals, plants, and inanimate objects. Example: The flowers <u>danced</u> in the wind.
- 7. Words that mimic the sounds they are describing. Examples: *The cat meowed*. The car honked.
- **10**. A poetic device that compares two objects using the words 'like' and 'as'. Example: Her dress was <u>as</u> white <u>as</u> pearl. The children ate <u>like</u> pigs.

## **Down**

- 1. Words that start with the same first consonant sound and appear closely together in a sentence. Example: The <u>m</u>usical <u>m</u>errymakers <u>m</u>arch in.
- **3.** A long, narrative poem usually on heroic acts and adventures from a distant past. The *Iliad* by Homer is an example of such a poem.
- **4.** Five, seven, five! What am !?
- **6.** A fourteen-line poem with a formal rhyme scheme that usually centres on the topic of love. William Shakespeare is famous for this!
- **8.** A form of poetry that praises and celebrates its subject. The subject could be nature, a person, or an event.
- **9.** A poem that expresses grief and mourning.





# Write Your Own Haiku for Kids

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# Earth Verse: Haiku from the Ground Up

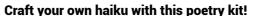
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Arrange these boxes of words in

three lines of 5-7-5 syllables

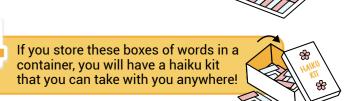
to create your own haiku.

**Instructions:** 

Fill in the table below with your favourite words.



Pop the individual boxes of words out along the perforated lines.



POP OUT!

An example has been done for you in the first three boxes.

Blue	Morning	December

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