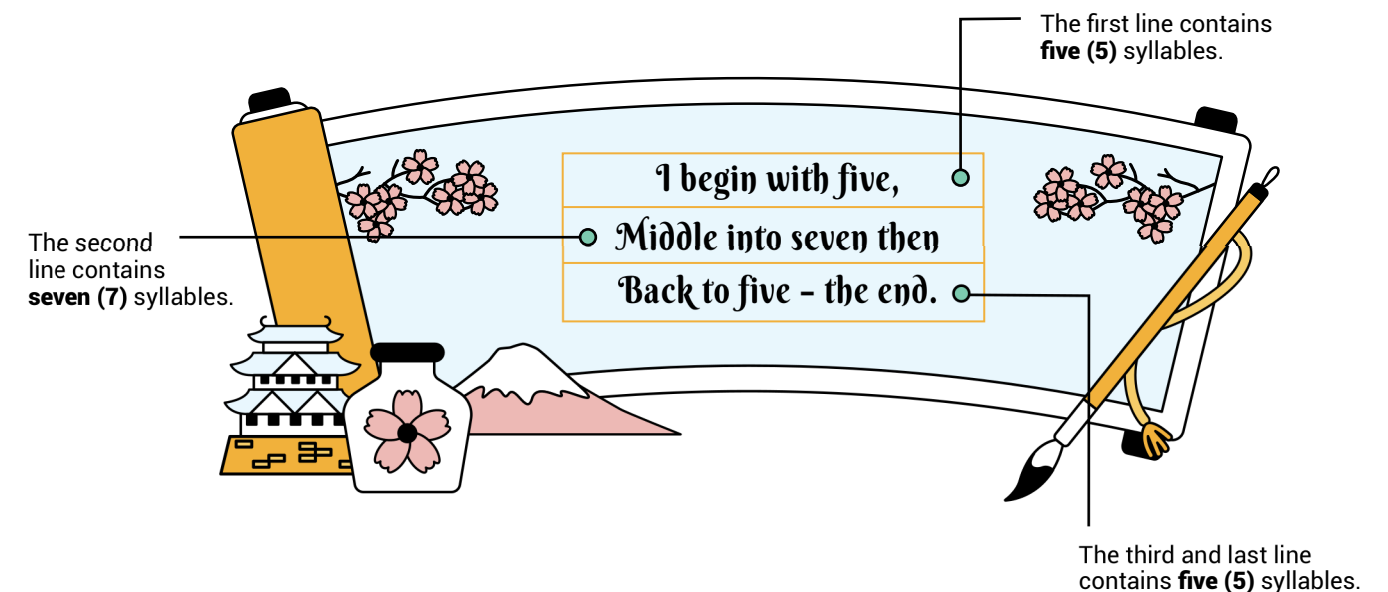




# HAI THERE, HAIKU



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



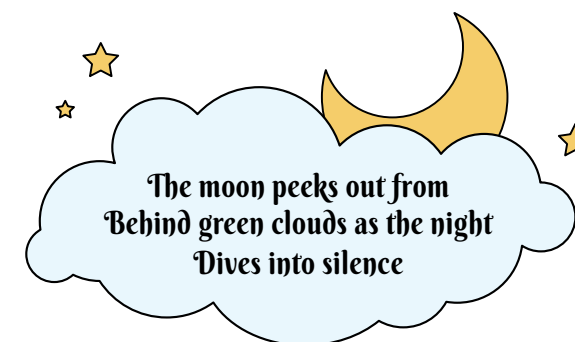
**5-7-5! That should be easy enough to remember.**

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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## The Haiku in Modern Japan

*Ito En*, a Japanese drink company, prints haikus on its cans of green tea. Haikus are also featured in Japanese newspapers and magazines.



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