

Example Text: Haiku Poetry (Ages 7 - 11)

A haiku poem is a traditional Japanese poem. It follows a specific line and syllable structure. A syllable is a single sound - for example, 'dog' has one **syllable**, but 'puppy' has two syllables.

Haiku poems are made up of **three lines**. There are five syllables in the first line, seven in the second line and five in the third and final line. This is called a **5-7-5 syllable structure**. The lines do not have to rhyme.

Haiku poems focus on a theme, traditionally about nature or the seasons. Take a look at the example and the features required.

1 Follow the **line structure** of a haiku poem by having three lines.

2 Follow the **syllable structure** of a haiku poem, which is 5-7-5.

3 The poem is themed around **nature**.

4 Use figurative language techniques, such as **alliteration**, to paint a picture for the reader. Alliteration involves repeating the first sound in a string of words or words that are close together in a sentence.

5 Use figurative language techniques, such as **personification**, to paint a picture for the reader. Personification gives non-human things (like animals, plants or objects) human traits or characteristics.

1 Gold **sand treasure trove**,

● ● ● ● ●

2 **Waves** come crashing on the **shore**,

● ● ● ● ● ● ●

3 **Beautiful blue sea**.

● ● ● ● ●

1 **Tangled arms** above,

● ● ● ● ●

2 **Dropping rainbow leaves** below,

● ● ● ● ● ● ●

3 **Autumn sleepiness**.

● ● ● ● ●

1 **Fields of fluffy snow**,

● ● ● ● ●

2 **Like a blanket of soft wool**,

● ● ● ● ● ● ●

3 **Covering the ground**.

● ● ● ● ●

1 **The sun is a heart**,

● ● ● ● ●

2 **Beat down on the Earth's surface**,

● ● ● ● ● ● ●

3 **Feed us energy**.

● ● ● ● ●

6 Use figurative language techniques, such as **similes**, to paint a picture for the reader.
A simile is a technique that compares one thing to another, using the words 'like', 'as', 'than' and 'as if'.

7 Use figurative language techniques, such as **metaphors**, to paint a picture for the reader.
A metaphor is a comparison between two things, using the words 'is' or 'was'.