

Part I: Haiku or not? A Haiku is a type of Japanese poem that is only three lines long, but explains a situation on a deeper level. The first and last lines of a Haiku have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. The lines rarely rhyme.

*Read each "poem" and decide if **it is** a haiku or not. If it is then **circle** it, if **it isn't**, **explain** why not.*

1. One, two, three, four, five
One, two, three, four, five, six, seven
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2. Old pond,
Frog jump in,
Water sound.
3. I am a sumo,
I am fat with a diaper,
There is no comfort.
4. Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah,
Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah,
Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.
5. Rain, rain go away.
Come again another day.
Rain, rain go away.
6. Haikus don't make sense.
They don't even rhyme at all.
Why must we do this?
7. Could this be a Haiku? It is only one line though. Oh really, is it?
8. He's a spiderman,
He does whatever a spider can.
Run, jump, climb spiderman.
9. This is not haiku.
Really, this is not haiku.
I told you it's not.

Part II: Write your own creative haiku poem. It may be about any(school appropriate) topic you want.