HAIKU POEMS

How to write a haiku poem

What is a haiku?

- a short three-line poem
- it usually follows a 5-7-5 syllable structure.
- Haiku poetry was originally developed by Japanese poets
- often inspired by nature, a moment of beauty, or an experience.
- Haikus are meant to be read in one breath for impact.

How to get inspired

- Go for a walk in nature.
- Focus on a season or seasonal event.
- Choose a person or object as your subject.
- Read examples of a haiku.
- Focus on an event in your past or something that is troubling you.

An example may look like this:

Boom, boom, boom, bam, bam!

My head is a battleground

With countless outbursts

Writing the haiku

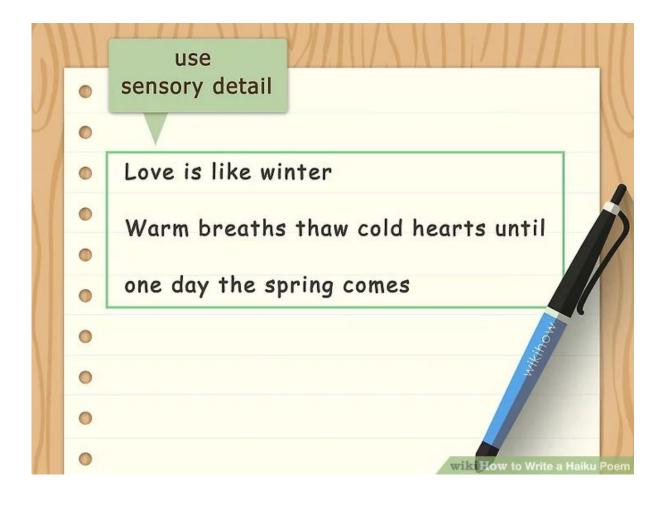
Follow the line and syllable structure of a haiku. Haikus follow a strict form: three lines, with a 5-7-5 syllable structure. That means the first line will have five syllables, the second line will have seven syllables, and the last line will have five syllables.

- The poem will have a total of seventeen syllables. Learn to count syllables in a word.
- A haiku does not have to rhyme or follow a certain rhythm as long as it follows the syllable count.



Describe the subject with sensory detail.

- For example, you may write about the "horrible smell of the toilet" or the "bitter taste of the morning air."
- If you are writing a haiku about a particular subject, such as your dog, you may describe the "smelly fur of wet dog."



visualize. Try describing the subject with details that are particular and unique.

Use concrete images and descriptions that are easy for the reader to

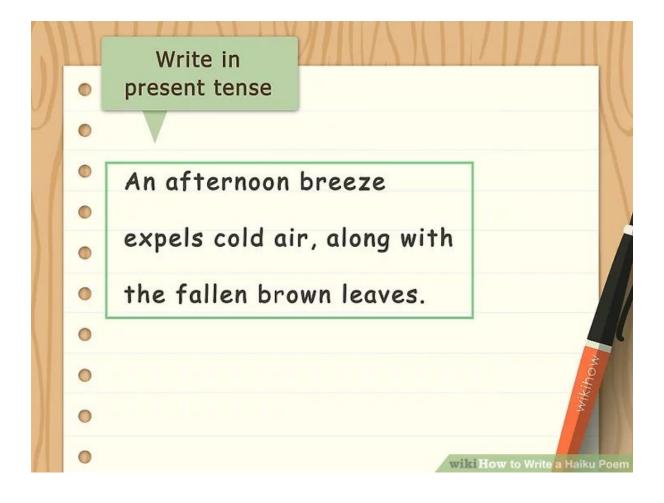
For example, you may write, "Fall leaves brush the road" or

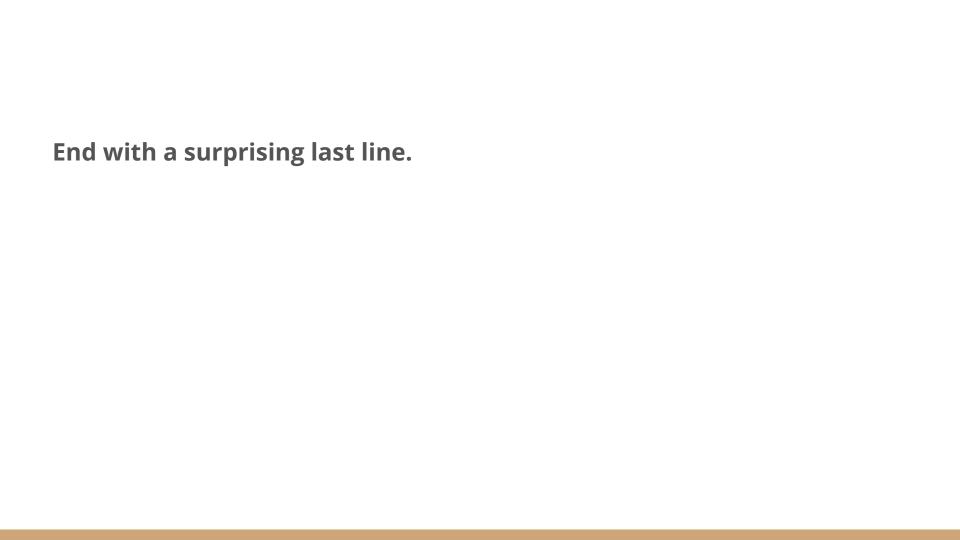
"Dog chases a bright bluebird."



Write the poem in the present tense. Using the present tense can

also make your lines simple and easy to follow.







Polishing the haiku

Read the haiku out loud.

Listen to how the haiku sounds.

Make it sound natural and follow the 5-7-5 syllable count. The haiku should sound natural when read aloud.

Show the haiku to others and get feedback

Place the haiku in the center of the page and center the lines so it forms a diamond shape. This is how haikus are traditionally formatted.

