Haiku poems are word pictures that use the poet's five senses to paint a moment in nature. Nature is always happening and always changing. Each haiku poem has three lines and a sound pattern, usually:

- Short (5 syllables)
- Longer (7 syllables)
- Short (5 syllables)

In Japan, spring means enjoying cherry blossoms with family and friends. Many haiku poets have written about the beauty of cherry blossoms.

- Shining on the sea
  Dazzling sun shaking over
  Hills of cherry bloom
  — Buson (1716-1784)

- A lovely spring night
  Suddenly vanished while we
  Viewed cherry blossoms
  — Basho (1644-1694)
Try it

Brainstorm with all five senses about cherry blossoms. Dig deep!

Now use those words to write your own spring haiku on sakura:

Line 1: (5 syllables)  ____________________________________________

Line 2: (7 syllables)  ____________________________________________

Line 3: (5 syllables)  ____________________________________________