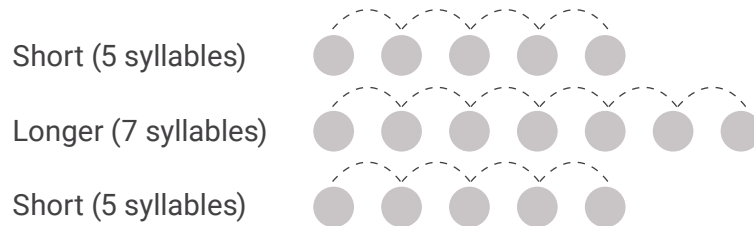
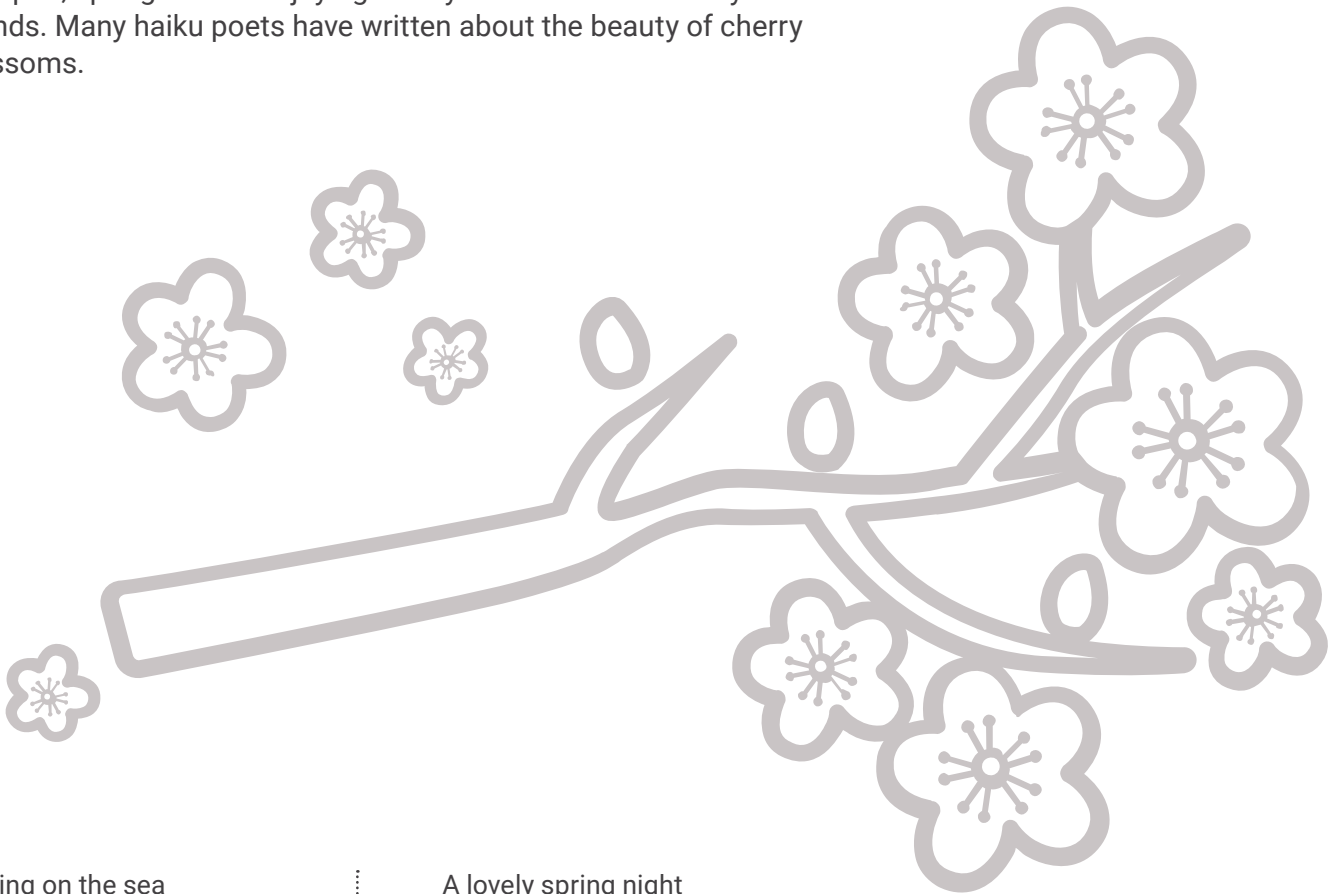


Cherry blossom haiku

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:



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) _____