

Zoom in on haiku!

Remember how you used the camera in Portland Japanese Garden to take photographs? Think of haiku as a special kind of camera that captures nature's surprises!

Review: what is haiku?

- » Haiku are word pictures about moments in nature.
- » Each haiku is a poem in three lines that tells a story about nature and our senses.
- » A haiku pattern has a sound pattern in its three lines: Short-longer-short
- » We can use haiku to tell about details both far and near.

Pretend that you have a special haiku camera that takes different pictures in nature.

Line 1 (5 syllables) *faraway view, imagine the big picture!*

Line 2 (7 syllables) *nearby view, now you can see a few details you couldn't see before!*

Line 3 (5 syllables) *close up, Now it's right in front of you!*

Here's an example:

Peaceful forest waves
Trees talking leaves blowing
Heart moving in rain

– Anthony

Now it's your turn! How to get started:

Before you start writing your poems, brainstorm five senses word descriptions. Use descriptive words! Don't use words that don't give details, like very, pretty, colorful, big, or some. Use action words that tell about movement, sound, feeling, taste, touch, and don't be afraid to use them in a surprising way.

Leaves swirl, water gurgles, wind ripples, fish flash, leaves reach/uncurl, stones listen, heart moves, peace calls, pollen waits, sweet pink blooms dance.



Zoom in on haiku! cont.

Remember your haiku ABCs:

- » Awaken your five senses!
- » Be curious and full of wonder!
- » Capture nature's surprises in a single moment!
- » Dig deep!

Haiku 1

Five senses brainstorm words

Line 1: (5 syllables) _____

Line 2: (7 syllables) _____

Line 3: (5 syllables) _____

Haiku 2

Five senses brainstorm words

Line 1: (5 syllables) _____

Line 2: (7 syllables) _____

Line 3: (5 syllables) _____