

What is a Haiku?

Haiku poems are a traditional Japanese art form. Here's one...

My two plum trees are
So gracious. See, they flower.
One now, one later.

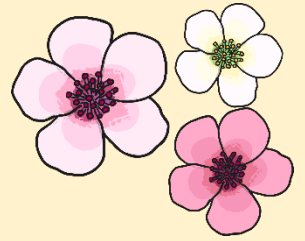
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Here's another...

Winter is coming.
Snow will be arriving soon.
We should rake the leaves.

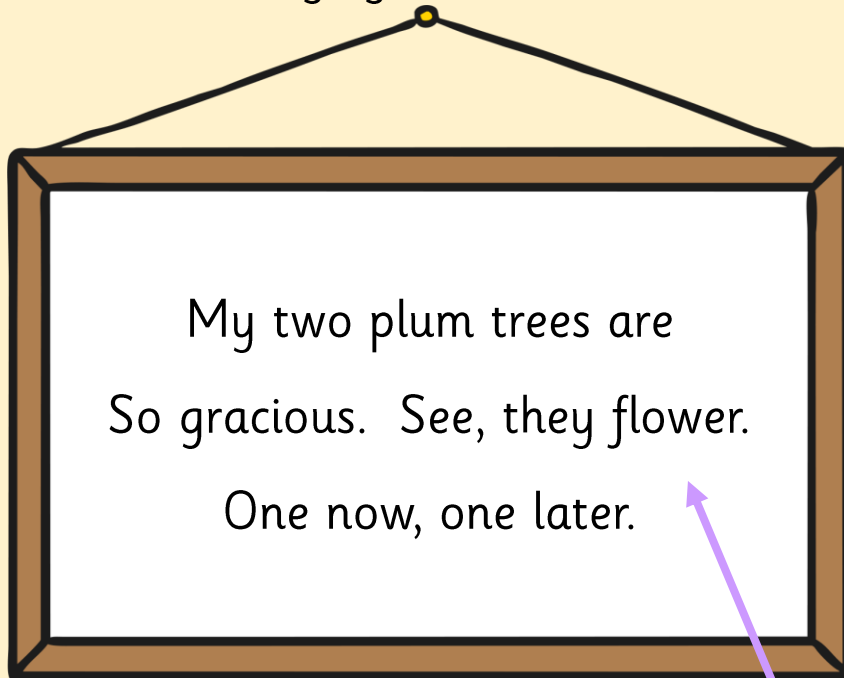
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What did you notice about the poems?



Think about:

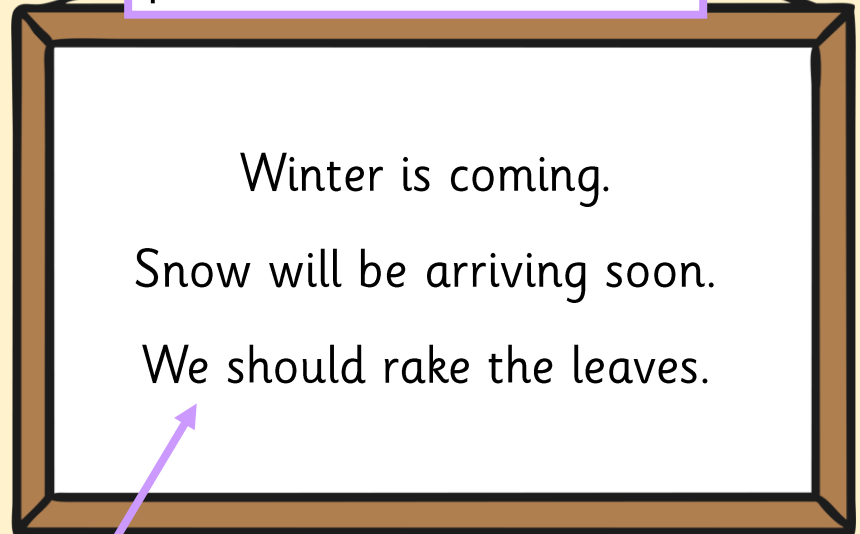
- the poem's theme;
- how many lines are in each poem;
- how many syllables in each line.



Final line is a comment or observation on the theme.

natural theme

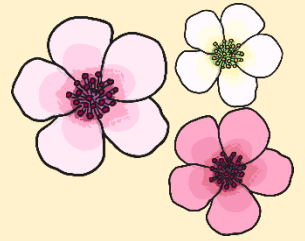
Three lines in each poem.



5 syllables in first line
7 syllables in middle line
5 syllables in final line

Let's have a go!

How can we write a haiku?



First, we need to choose a theme. It doesn't have to be about seasons or nature, but let's be traditional.

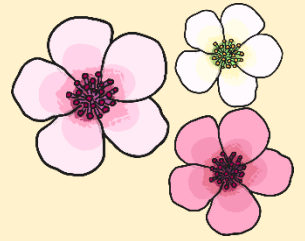
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Then, we brainstorm some words or phrases associated with that theme...

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beach **ice-cream** games **sea**
swimming fun warm sand

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Next, we choose two or three ideas which will flow together.

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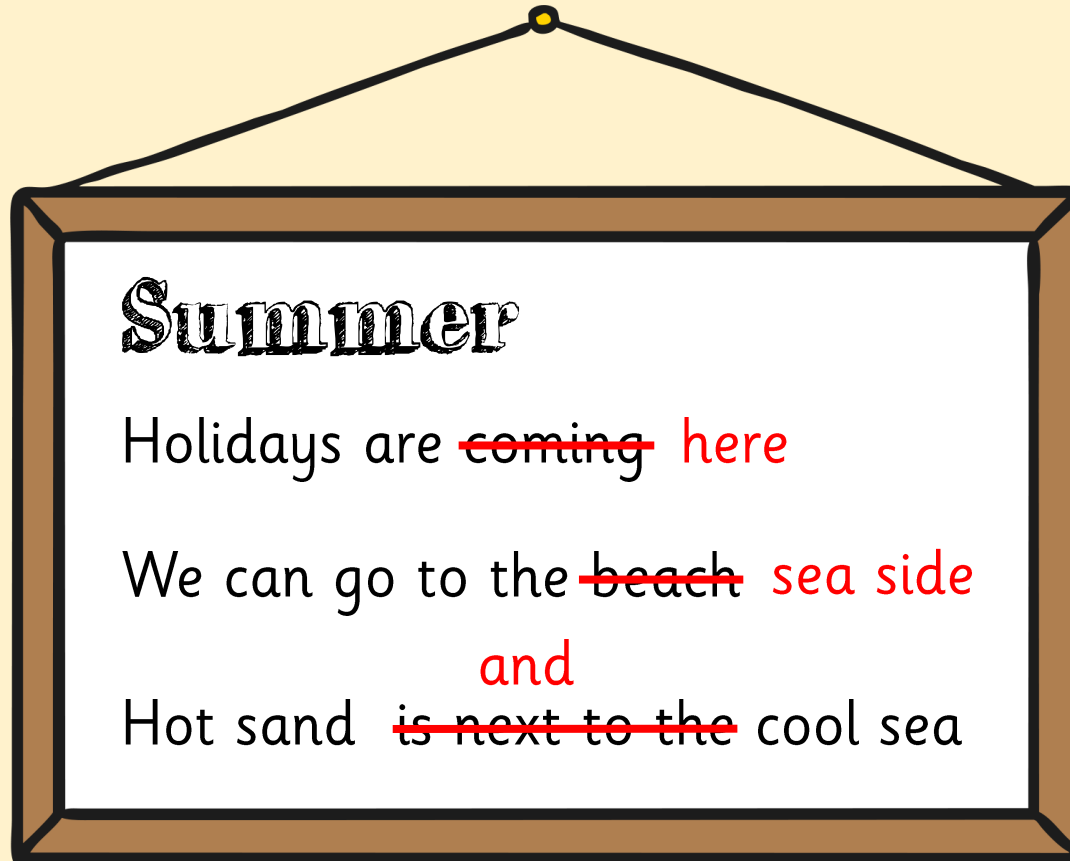
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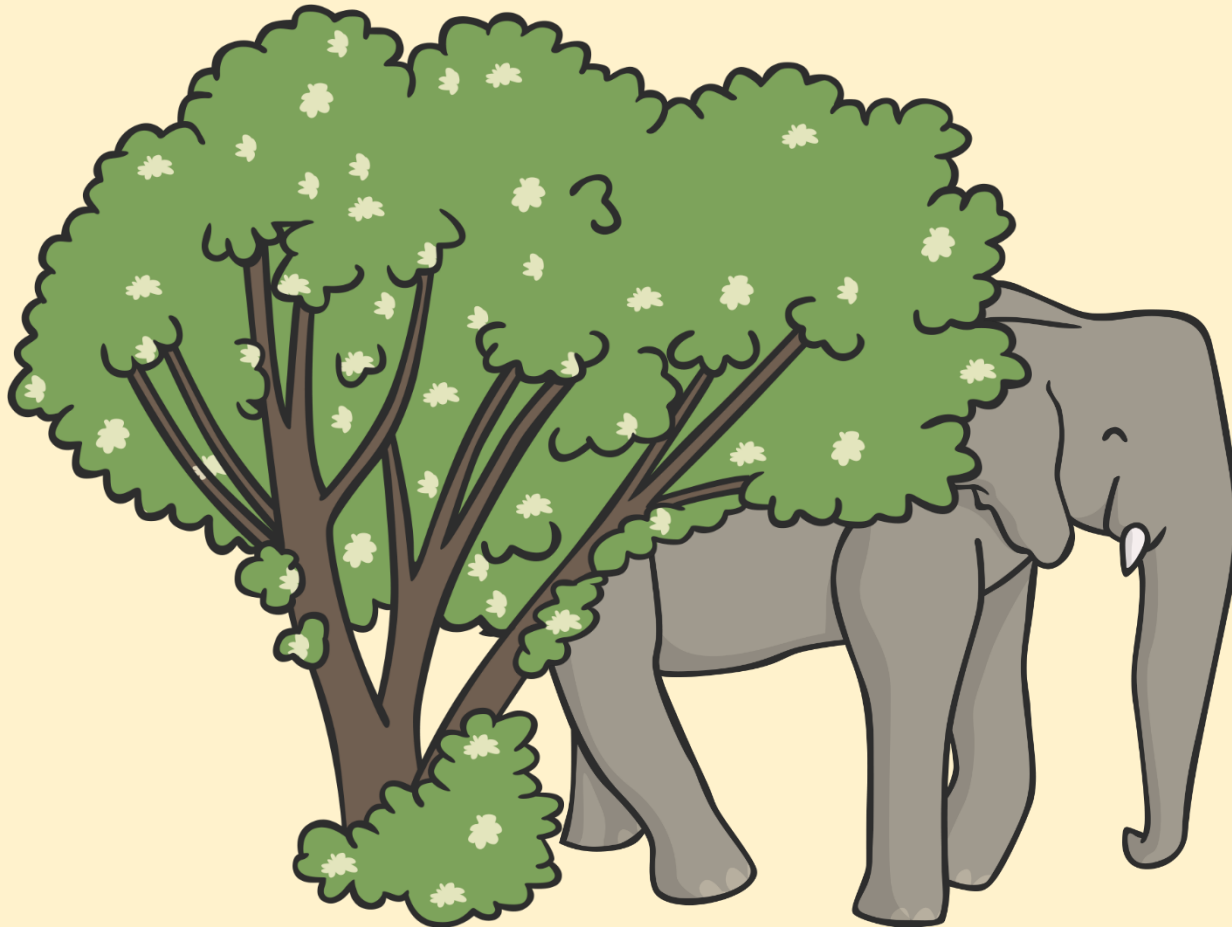
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You could write a haiku about the seasons, or about an animal or plant.
The choice is yours!



The End