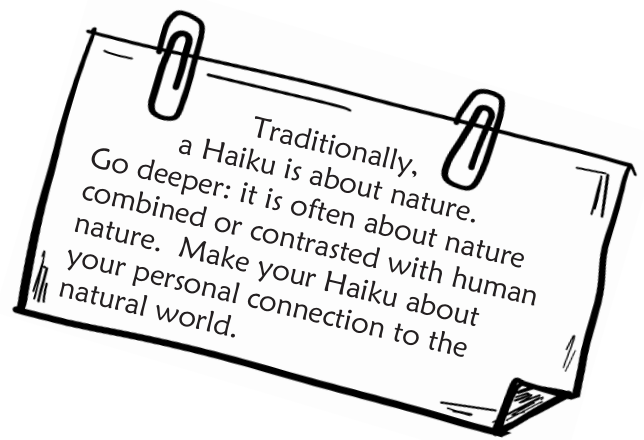


# How to Haiku

It's easy to write your own Haiku.  
Here are some steps to help you get started.



## Brainstorm Your Haiku *(if you like)*

1. Think of a season you like and write it down: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Now think of plants, birds, animals, and insects you like and write them down:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What might you see (or hear) them doing? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What might you feel? \_\_\_\_\_

## Write your Haiku

Let your work above help you to choose two images that create a striking impression when connected. Then pare them down to size. The most basic definition of traditional haiku is **a three line poem** where (traditionally) the **1st and 3rd lines are 5 syllables** and the **2nd line contains 7 syllables**. Modified versions may not follow these guidelines, but try to stay **less than 20 syllables total**. There is no need to rhyme. Try to stay in the present tense. Punctuate at will.

Examples:

### The Old Pond

*by Matsuo Bashō*

An old silent pond  
A frog jumps into the pond—  
Splash! Silence again.

### Haiku (for you)

*by Sonia Sanchez*

love between us is  
speech and breath. loving you is  
a long river running.

### Wonder

*Unknown author*

Admire the pine trees  
They shadow the tiny snail  
Wonder, small and large

Line One: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Syllables: \_\_\_\_\_

Line Two: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Syllables: \_\_\_\_\_

Line Three: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Syllables: \_\_\_\_\_