



# Haiku

Food Hero  
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Workshop

## What is it?

A **haiku** is a poem with three lines. It was invented in Japan. Usually, it is about nature. It always has 17 syllables. A syllable is a sound that you say separately. The word bee has only one syllable. The word springtime has two. The first and third lines of a haiku each have five syllables, and the middle line has seven syllables: 5 + 7 + 5 = 17. Here's an example:

### Apple Tree

In springtime, it blooms.  
Bees and blossoms make apples.  
In fall, we make pie!



### Your Turn!

Try writing a haiku about how food grows. It can describe a farm, a garden, or any fruit or vegetable you like. Try a raspberry bush, cornstalks, or a pumpkin patch! Or describe how honeybees, rain, or sunshine help foods grow!

First give your poem a title. Write your name below it. Then write three things about your subject, one on each line. Count your syllables!

### We would love to read your poem!

If you'd like to share it with us, send an email to [food.hero@oregonstate.edu](mailto:food.hero@oregonstate.edu) and we will tell you how!

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [5 syllables]

\_\_\_\_\_ [7 syllables]

\_\_\_\_\_ [5 syllables]