

HAIKU-KIES!

Write the words on your cookie in the lines below. By Friday, you will have a completed haiku!

title: _____ author: _____

day one: _____

day two: _____

day three: _____

day four: _____

day five: _____

What's a Haiku?

A Haiku (pronounced hi-koo) is a very short, poignant poem. The form originated in Japan. Most often, a haiku contains exactly 17 syllables. The haiku is usually divided into lines of 5, 7, and 5, syllables, respectively, or a variation of this pattern [5,5,7 or 7,5,5]. Modern poets tend to use the form loosely.

Here are two examples of the haiku:

Toward those short trees
we saw a hawk descending
on a day in Spring.

-Shiki

Whitecaps on the bay
a broken signboard banging
in the April wind.

-Richard Wright