

PAMA @ Home

Virtual Family Fun Activity

Write Your Own Haiku

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It's National Haiku Day! Express yourself with words and explore the art of haiku poetry.

A haiku is a Japanese form of poetry consisting of 3 lines. The most important part of haiku poems is the number of syllables in each line. The first and last lines have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7. What's unique about a haiku is that rhyming isn't necessary.

Activity 1: Syllable Counting

A syllable is a part of a word that is pronounced as a unit when you say the word out loud. For example, the word "syllable" has 3 syllables – syl-la-ble. Sometimes it is easier to clap as you say the word you are trying to count the number of syllables for.

Read through the haiku poems below and count the number of syllables. See if you can guess what animal they are describing.

I like to play fetch
I get treats when I am good
I am man's best friend

Colourful I fly
Like a feather in the sky
High and far I go.

I have a long neck
So I can eat from tall trees
Brown spots everywhere.

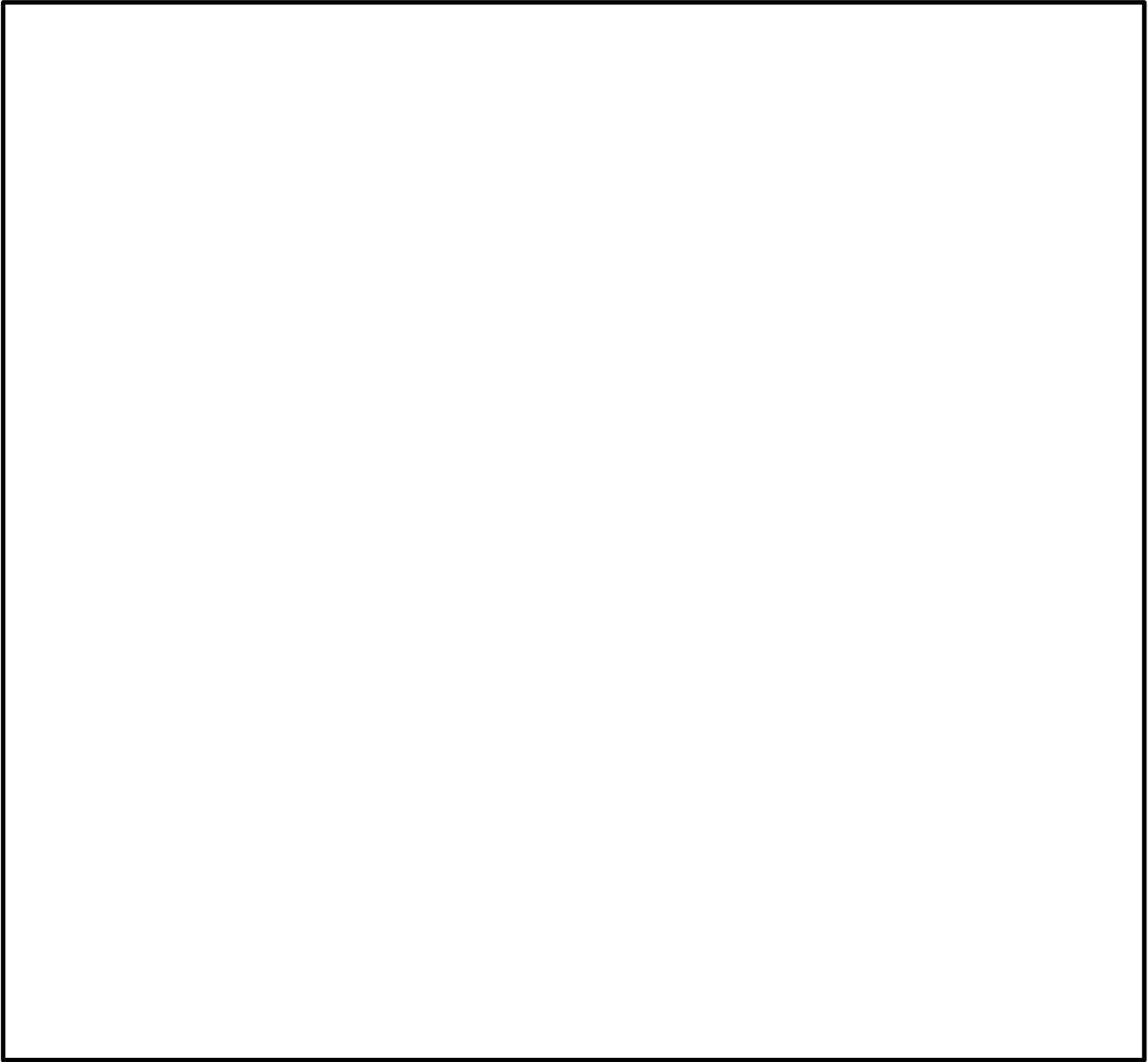
Activity 2: Write Your Own

Print the next page of this document and use it as a template to write your own poem and draw a picture of what you are describing. Picking an animal, a food, a season are good places to start!

Don't forget 5 syllables – 7 syllables – 5 syllables

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