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Haiku Helper

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A haiku is a Japanese poem that captures a moment. The subject of these poems usually has to do with nature. A traditional haiku contains 17 syllables and three lines. The first line has five syllables, the second line has seven syllables, and the third line has five syllables.

Example: The sun disappears
Behind glittering water
Painting the sky red.

Directions: Follow the steps below to create your own haiku.

1. Think of five images in nature that inspire you, such as an ocean sunset or the winter's first snowfall. Write the images on the lines below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

2. Pick one image from the list above. In the space below, write a detailed description of this image. For example, when the sun sets over the ocean, the water glimmers, the sky turns bright orange, and the sun sinks slowly below the horizon.

3. Use your description from Step 2 to write a haiku.

1st line (5 syllables): _____
2nd line (7 syllables): _____
3rd line (5 syllables): _____

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