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Haiku

A Haiku (high-koo) is a very special kind of poetry that comes from a country called Japan. Instead of using rhyming words, Haikus use syllables to create a rhythm. Think of syllables like the "beats" in a word. For example, "sun" has one beat, while "gar-den" has two.

A Haiku is like a tiny snapshot of a moment in nature. It is always exactly three lines long and follows a 5-7-5 pattern:

Line 1: 5 syllables

Line 2: 7 syllables

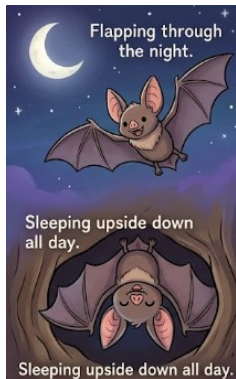
Line 3: 5 syllables

The Spider

Spinning silk so fine, (5)

Eight legs crawl across the wall, (7)

Reaching for the light. (5)



The Bat

Flying in the dark, (5)

Sleeping upside down all day, (7)

Flapping through the night. (5)

Pumpkins

Orange in the patch, (5)

Carve a happy smiling face, (7)

Glowing in the night. (5)





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1. How many total lines does a Haiku poem have?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Five
- D) Ten

2. What is the main thing a Haiku is usually about?

- A) Outer space
- B) Nature or a moment in time
- C) Funny jokes
- D) Cooking food

3. Why do you think a Haiku is often called a "snapshot" or a "picture made of words"?

- A) Because it is very short and describes one specific scene.
- B) Because you have to use a camera to write one.
- C) Because it uses exactly 100 words.
- D) Because it always rhymes like a song.

4. "The sprout is as green as a bright crayon." If the poet wanted to change this simile to a metaphor, how should the line be written?

- A) The sprout is like a green crayon.
- B) The sprout is a green crayon.
- C) The sprout is greener than a crayon.
- D) The sprout looks like a crayon.