



Patterns in poems

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But when the leaves hang trembling
The wind is passing thro'.

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I:
But when the trees bow down their heads
The wind is passing by.

Christina Rossetti

How many verses (or stanzas) are there in this poem?

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Find the rhyming pairs of words in the poem. Write them here.

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Read aloud the poem, listen to the **rhythm** and count the **syllables**.
Write the number of **syllables** in each line of the poem here.

line 1 line 2 line 3 line 4

line 5 line 6 line 7 line 8

Write your own poem about another type of weather in the same style.

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Haiku and cinquain



Read these two **poems** aloud.

Haiku

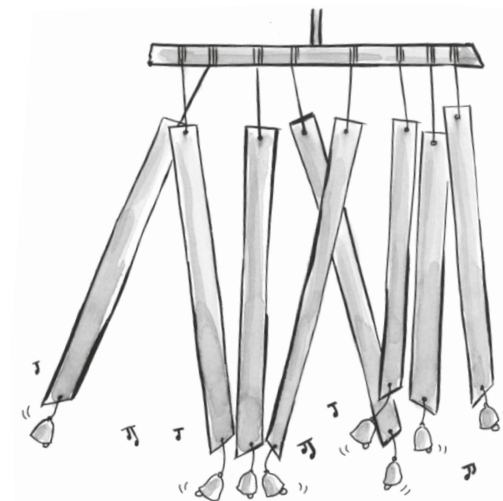
Poem in three lines:
Five syllables, then seven,
Five again; no rhyme.

Eric Finney

Cinquain

Cinquain:
A short verse form
Of counted syllables ...
And first devised by Adelaide
Crapsey.

Gerard Benson



Write your own **haiku** about wind.

Remember to use the correct number of **syllables** in each line.

Wind

syllables: 5

7

5

Now write a **cinquain**. Use the same number of **syllables** in each line as in the **cinquain** above.

Wind

syllables: 2

4

6

8

2



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How many **verses** (or stanzas) are there in this poem?

The poem has 2 verses (or stanzas).....

Find the **rhyming pairs** of words in the poem. Write them here.

you - thro', I - by.....

Read aloud the poem, listen to the **rhythm** and count the **syllables**.
Write the number of **syllables** in each line of the poem here.

line 15..... line 25..... line 37/8..... line 46.....

line 55..... line 65..... line 78..... line 86.....

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Here, your child learns to recognise and appreciate different forms of poetry. Point out that while both poems are about the wind, they were written by different poets. Encourage your child to read with expression and to listen for the words that rhyme.

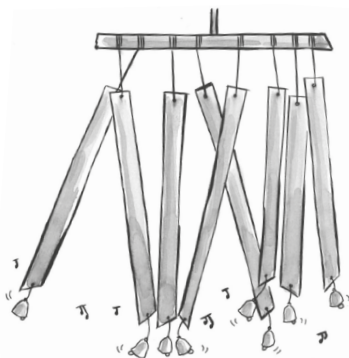
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On this page, the task is for your child to write two poems following the forms of a haiku and a cinquain. The most important point for your child to understand is that both poems have a set number of syllables in each line.