

student activity 1

asked & answered

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Hello, Poet! The stanzas below have 4 lines each. In the first 3 lines of each stanza, ask three different questions (**asked**). In the 4th line of each stanza, make a statement (**answered**). Stanzas 1 & 2 are already started with prompts, with the last line blank for your “closing statement”. The 4 stanzas can be 1, 2 or 4 poems, or a stanza could be a start to a longer poem! Feel free to use any rhyming structure you like, if any. Happy writing!

stanza

What if _____

What if _____

What if _____

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What will _____

What will _____

What will _____

Now plug in your own prompts to **ask** and **answer**. Select a prompt from the options below or use your own! If you feel drawn to a word/phrase, that’s the one for you. If a different word/phrase comes to mind, go for it!

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|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| Why can't | Why hasn't | When have | When did | Who iss | Who has |
| What do | What is | Where are | Where did | How can | How could |
| If you | If I | If we | If they | Have you | Hasn't there |

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student activity 2

haiku sudoku

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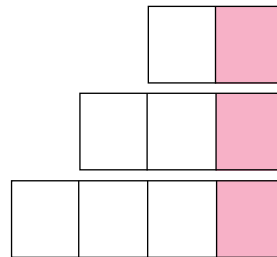
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Emerging from 17th century Japanese literature, Haiku is a poetic style used to this day to convey powerful, moving and sometimes humorous ideas in a profound yet succinct way. A haiku consists of 17 syllables total.

· **First line:** 5 syllables · **Second line:** 7 syllables · **Third line:** 5 syllables

On the Sudoku board below, flex your literary muscles to fill in a Haiku one syllable at a time using these guidelines:

this		is		a		sam	ple	
sim	ple		ex	am	ple		show	ing
now		it		is		your		turn



what		if						
when	ev	er						
don't								