

## Haiku

**Remember the Haiku pattern.**

**5 – 7 – 5**

### Task One

Copy out these Haiku. Miss a line. Write number of syllables under words. Write total number at end of line.

Darkness falls again  
Lights illuminate the night  
Guiding us safely

#### **Example.**

A summer mountain – (5)  
The air is warm and fragrant (7)  
Why do you wear snow?  
(5)

Cold winter morning  
(A) tickling chill bites his  
throat  
Some coughing smoke forms

### Task Two

Some of the lines in these haiku are either too short or too long.

Work out the number of syllables in each word and each line, as before, and then try change the poems so they are proper Haiku.

Inside the small classroom,  
The children are working  
quickly,  
Some look quite sad.

The old woman waves  
goodbye  
To her daughter who is  
leaving  
She is alone again.

## Task Three

**Copy and complete these Haiku. You can either use the words at the end or use ones of your own.**

Brown leaves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
They \_\_\_\_\_ underneath my  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Autumn is here now.

Young birds \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother rushes to \_\_\_\_\_  
They always \_\_\_\_\_.

The school day drags on,  
The teacher looks at \_\_\_\_\_  
It is \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

The church \_\_\_\_\_ ring out  
Come and listen to \_\_\_\_\_  
People \_\_\_\_\_ again.

Cars sit, horns \_\_\_\_\_  
People rush \_\_\_\_\_ past them  
Glad to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**These are the words that I used. You can use your own if you wish.**  
Feet, watch, feed, quickly, bells, her, more, screech, squawk, swirl, them,  
smile, twirl, crunch, want, honking, Jesus, home-time, walking

## Extension Task

**Make up your own Haiku.** Remember that they need to feature lots of imagery. You're trying to create a picture in the reader's mind.