

# COLLECTING WORDS AND MAKING HAIKUS

A haiku is a special poem form that has five sounds in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third.

To make your own haiku you can use a place you remember, something you can see, or perhaps an old photograph. Just looking out of your window can also be great inspiration.

**1.** First of all, write down as many words as you can think of to do with your chosen place or photo.

**2.** Now arrange these words into lines. You may want to add a few extra words to join the ideas together. Here's an example using an image of a grandparents' green grocer's shop:

Chickens with heads on, grandfather in white apron and tie, Mum hanging on to Grandma, boxes of potatoes, beans in baskets, old pennies, leeks bigger than ever, black boots, bunches of bananas, abundance.

**And here is the haiku:**

For beans in baskets  
For bananas in bunches  
Pay in old pennies

You can make more than one haiku from each set of words, you just need to remember the 5, 7, 5 rule.

