

A Candle by Youki Hirakawa



Youki Hirakawa is a Japanese contemporary artist. Through the burning of the candle, he conveys a sense of time passing: <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/spirit-endeavour-interactive-virtual-art-tour>

Activity: Write a Haiku poem about a candle



What is a Haiku poem?

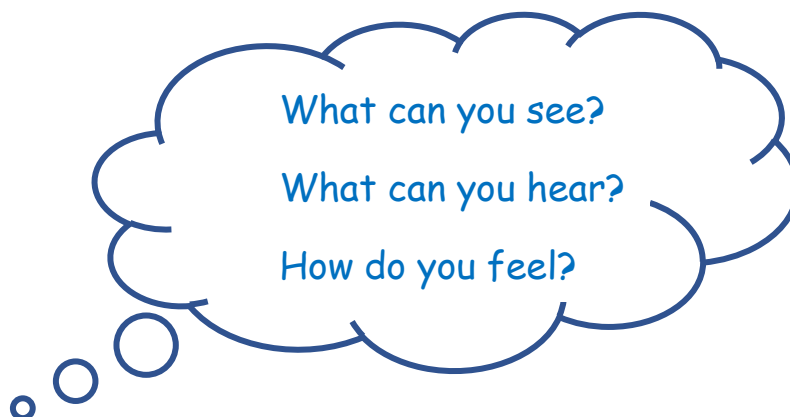
A haiku is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. It contains a total of 17 syllables which are arranged in 3 lines. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables. A haiku poem doesn't rhyme.

A syllable is a part of a word that is a sound, for example the word burning has 2 syllables: burn ing, and flame has 1 syllable.

Here is an example of a haiku poem about winter:

Snow falling gently,	(5 syllables)
Twisting and twirling around	(7 syllables)
I can't hear a sound.	(5 syllables)

1. Watch the video
2. Think about these questions. It might be useful to write down some of your ideas for your poem.



3. Have a go at writing your own haiku poem about a candle.

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