



## Syllables in Haiku

Syllables are chunks of sound that make up a word. Each word contains at least one syllable. Breaking a word into syllables means you can spell a small bit at a time. For example:

hap-py

yes

hos-pi-tal

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. Here is a haiku called 'Time':

**Backward went the clock,  
Tick-tock. Time went backwards  
fast. I was young again.**



### Start writing

Write out the poem and split the words into syllables. Remember, some words will only have **one** syllable.

Count how many syllables are in the poem. How many are on each line? Complete the rules for a haiku:

A haiku has \_\_\_\_\_ lines.

The first line of a haiku has \_\_\_\_\_ syllables.

The second line of a haiku has \_\_\_\_\_ syllables.

The third line of a haiku has \_\_\_\_\_ syllables.

A haiku contains a total of \_\_\_\_\_ syllables.