

## HAIKU INGREDIENTS



(Adapted from Paul B. Janeczko's list in HOW TO WRITE HAIKU)

If you are making a chocolate cake, would you put onions in it? Ewww! No! If you are making a lasagna, would you put vanilla flavoring in it? Never! Not all ingredients are BAD, but some ingredients should not go in certain dishes.

Haiku is kind of like that. Haiku contains just a few ingredients to make it work. Every word must count and you have to make sure it's the RIGHT word.

### PERFECT HAIKU INGREDIENTS

- 5-7-5 The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, the third line has 5 syllables.
- Haiku is about nature.
- Haiku contains a seasonal word.
- Haiku captures one moment in time. It should be a moment that makes you say WOW!

INGREDIENTS THAT DON'T WORK IN HAIKU (think about onions in chocolate cake-eww!)