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A syllable is a part of a word pronounced as a unit. It is usually made up of a vowel alone or a vowel with one or more consonants. The word "syllable" has three syllables: syl-la-ble.

"Haiku" is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Haiku poems consist of 3 lines. Here is an example of Haiku poetry.

Green and speckled legs,
Hop on logs and lily pads
Splash in cool water.

How many syllables are in the each line of the example? Use a / to separate each syllable.

Green and speckled legs, syllables: _____

Hop on logs and lily pads syllables: _____

Splash in cool water. syllables: _____

What animal do you think the Haiku is describing?

The first and last lines of a Haiku have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. Here is a Haiku to help you remember.

I am first with five
Then seven in the middle --
Five again to end.