

Moon Haiku

An extension of "Jupiter's growing family"

1. Read "**Jupiter's growing family**" (page 14, *What's Up* September 2018)
2. Prepare to write a haiku by learning about what it is. A haiku is a three-line poem that does not have to rhyme. It is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Though there are different ways to write haiku, the traditional pattern in English is to write the first and last lines with five syllables each, and the middle line with seven syllables. In other words, the pattern of syllables looks like this:

Line 1: 5 syllables

Line 2: 7 syllables

Line 3: 5 syllables

What is a syllable?

It is a unit of pronunciation having one vowel sound, with or without surrounding consonants, forming the whole or a part of a word. For example, there is one syllable in pear, two syllables in apple (ap - ple) and three in banana (ba - na - na).

An example of a haiku

Haiku	Pronouncing it syllable by syllable	Syllables
Yesterday I ate	Yes-ter-day I ate	5 syllables
At McDonalds with my friends	At Mc-Do-nalds with my friends	7 syllables
Had a Big Mac meal	Had a Big Mac meal	5 syllables

3. In the box below, write a haiku about a moon. Be creative as you describe your moon, or your thoughts and feelings about the moon! Try to help your reader see vivid images or feel strong emotions. You may also want to share your feelings and thoughts about the moon. You are not restricted to Earth's moon, of course. You can write about Valetudo, or any of Jupiter's other moons. When you are done, share your haiku with a classmate!

