Poem Clue Hunt

Use line patterns and sounds to identify poem types.

ELA.3.R.1.4 "Identify types of poems: free verse, rhymed verse, haiku, and limerick."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the four poem cards 1 through 4. Circle the line, sound, or pattern clues that help you name each kind of poem.

Library Window Cards

1. At the town library, four poem cards hung beside a window. The first card had three short lines: "Red kite in blue sky / Wind pulls its tail up higher / Clouds drift slowly by." Maya noticed the lines were arranged in a small pattern. She tapped her fingers and counted five syllables in the first line, seven in the next, and five in the last.

2. The second card held this silly five-line story: "A baker walked out in the snow / His round dough began to go / It rolled past a cat / Then bumped on a hat / And stopped at a bright puppet show." Maya saw that lines one, two, and five ended with sounds alike. The shorter middle lines also had matching ending sounds.

3. The third card used lines of different lengths: "Turtle on warm sand / under a leaf / toward the pond." The ending words did not make a sound pattern. The last card read, "Fireflies glow at night / Stars shine with soft light / Waves curl by a tree / Boats rock on the sea." Luis read both cards aloud and listened closely.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which poem type is on the first card? Use its line and syllable pattern to explain.

2. Which poem type is on the second card? Use the number of lines and the ending sounds to explain.

3. Which poem type is on the third card? What clues helped you identify it?

4. Which poem type is on the last card? Name the pairs of matching end sounds that show this.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two tiny poems about the same animal. Make one a haiku with three lines of 5, 7, and 5 syllables, and make the other free verse with three or more lines and no planned end rhyme. Label each poem type.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · ELA.3.R.1.4

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the four poem cards 1 through 4. Circle the line, sound, or pattern clues that help you name each kind of poem. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which poem type is on the first card? Use its line and syllable pattern to explain.	**Haiku. It has three lines with 5, 7, and 5 syllables.**
2	Which poem type is on the second card? Use the number of lines and the ending sounds to explain.	**Limerick. It has five lines, with lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyming and lines 3 and 4 rhyming.**
3	Which poem type is on the third card? What clues helped you identify it?	**Free verse. Its lines have different lengths and no planned end-sound pattern.**
4	Which poem type is on the last card? Name the pairs of matching end sounds that show this.	**Rhymed verse. "Night" matches "light," and "tree" matches "sea."**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Small fox steps softly Through the tall grass at sunset Moon lights its bright path Type: haiku Fox pauses beside the dark creek. A leaf floats away. Type: free verse

Accept haiku identifications when students cite three lines and the 5-7-5 syllable pattern. Accept limerick for five lines with an AABBA end-sound pattern, free verse for varied lines without planned rhyme, and rhymed verse for matching end sounds.