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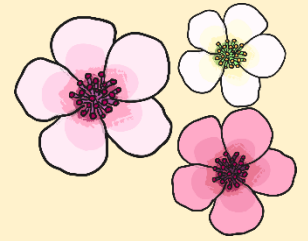
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What did you notice about the poems?



Think about:

- the poem's theme;
- how many lines are in each poem;
- how many syllables in each line.

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Final line is a comment or observation on the theme.

natural theme

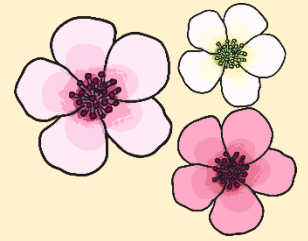
Three lines in each poem.

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5 syllables in first line  
7 syllables in middle line  
5 syllables in final line

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First, we need to choose a theme. It doesn't have to be about seasons or nature, but let's be traditional.

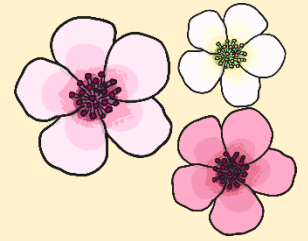
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Then, we brainstorm some words or phrases associated with that theme...

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**swimming** fun warm sand

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Next, we choose two or three ideas which will flow together.

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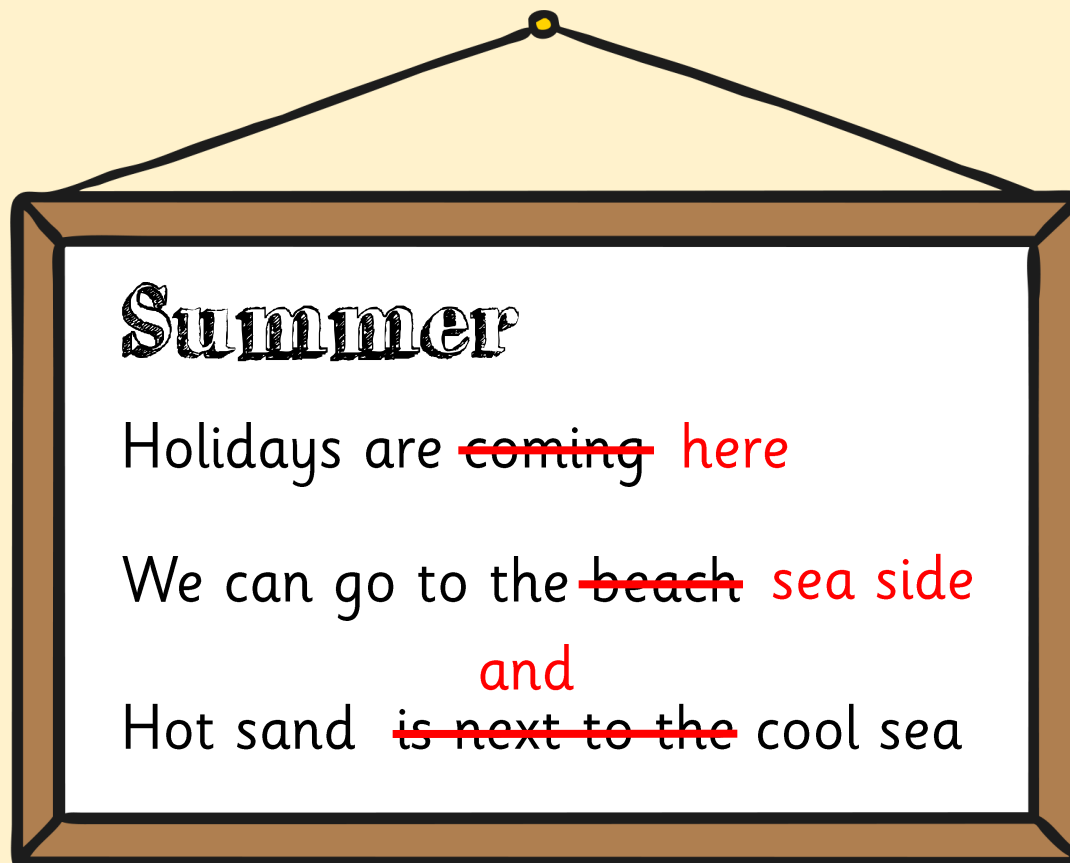
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Write a Haiku poem about a storm.

