

# Writing a Winter Haiku

A haiku is a short poem which came from Japan. They are always three lines long and usually written about nature. Winter is a perfect theme for a haiku.

Look at this poem.

## Sledging

*Numb hands, frozen feet,  
Shivery trudge to the top,  
Giggling sliding down!*



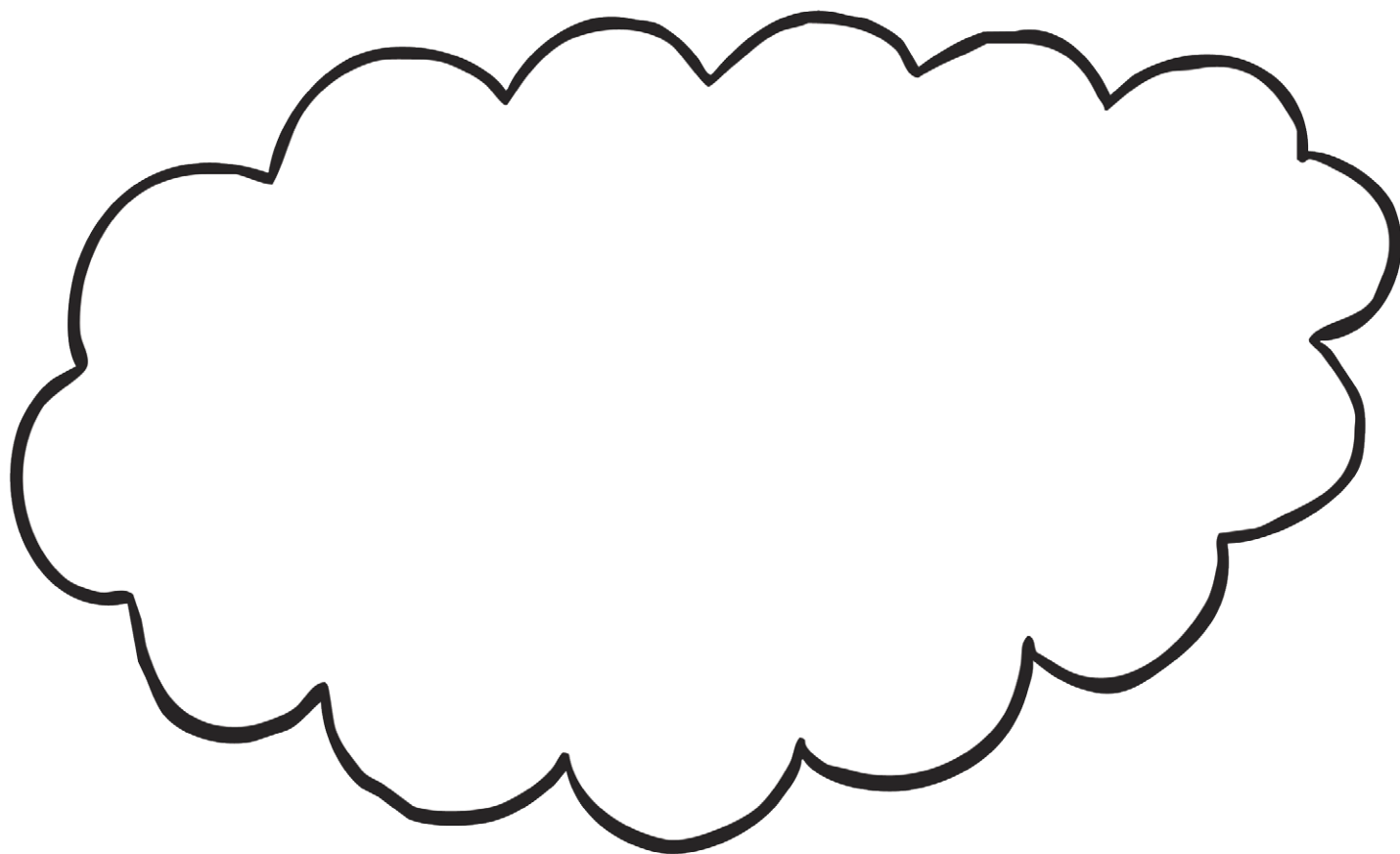
The first line is made up from words with 5 syllables altogether.

Try clapping it out as you say the words and count the claps.

The second line has 7 syllables altogether.

The last line has 5 syllables again.

In this space, jot down all the words you can think of about winter.



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Use the planning area below to arrange your words into three short ideas for a haiku. You will need to be careful that you don't use too many words, and count the syllables as you go along. Then write your final haiku underneath. Don't forget to give it a title.

### Planning Area

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