


# Haiku

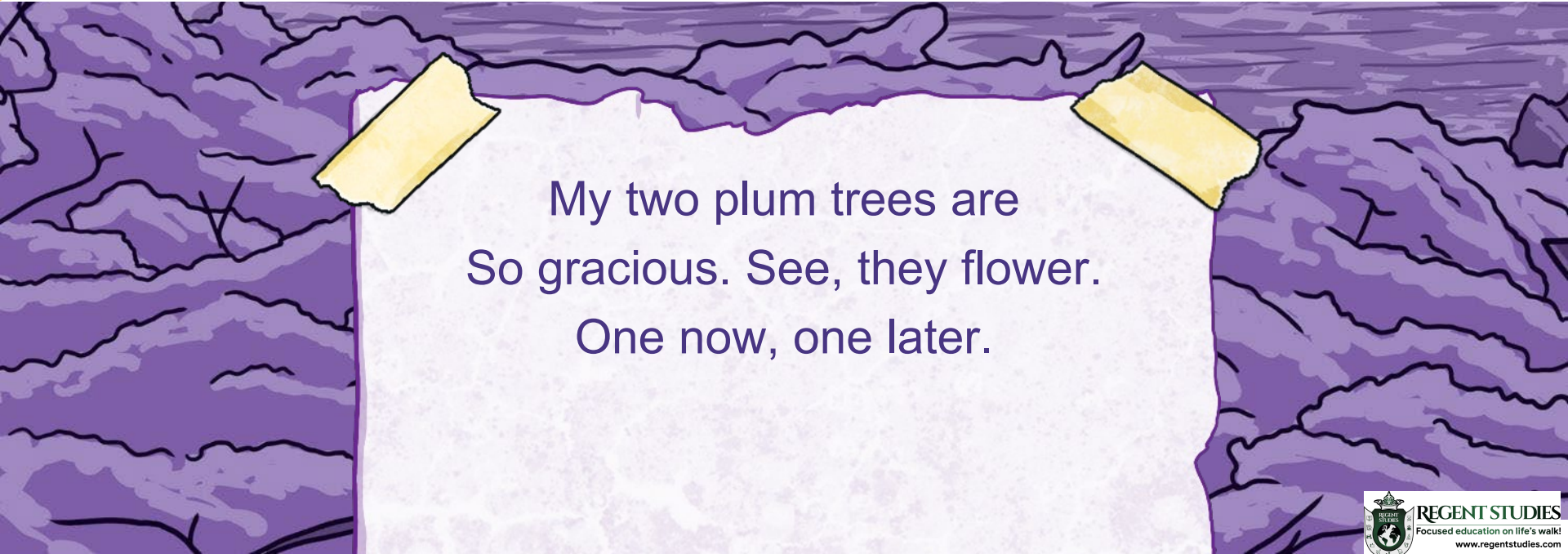





# What Is a Haiku?



Haiku is a traditional Japanese poetry form. Here is an example.




My two plum trees are  
So gracious. See, they flower.  
One now, one later.



# What Is a Haiku?



Read a haiku about winter.



Winter is coming.  
Snow will be arriving soon.  
We should rake the leaves.

# What Is a Haiku?

What did you notice about the poems?

## Think about...

- ▶ the poem's theme
- ▶ the number of lines in each poem
- ▶ the number of syllables in each line

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

Natural  
theme

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# Let's try it!

How can we write a haiku?

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

summer

hot fun swimming vacation

beach sunshine flowers sea

ice cream sand games wa

# Let's try it!

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

summer

hot

fun

swimming

vacation

beach

sunshine

flowers

sea

ice cream

sand

games

wa

Now that we have our ideas let's try to fit them into the **5-7-5** syllable format.

You might have to alter words or phrases slightly to fit the pattern.

## Summer

Vacations are here

We can go to the seaside

Hot sand and cool sea

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# Let's try it!


Write a haiku about the seasons or an animal or plant.

**The choice is yours!**

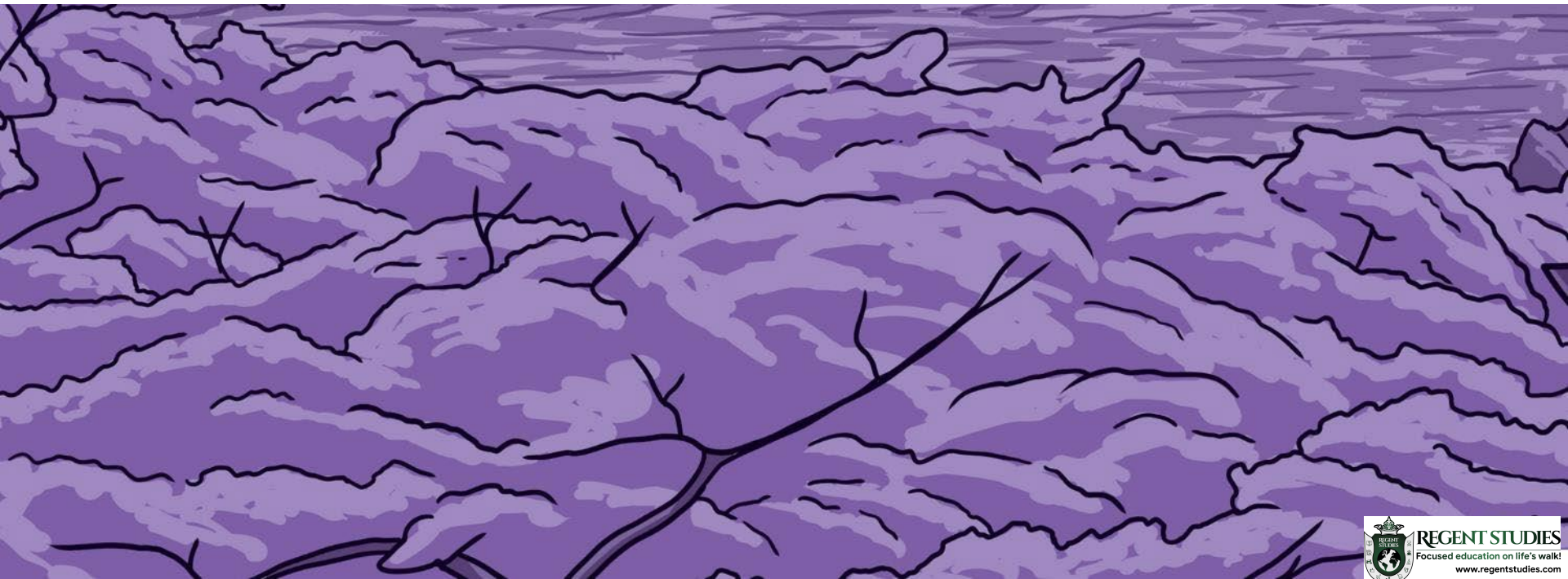




# Turn and Talk



Tell your neighbor three ideas you have for a haiku.  
Which is your favorite? Why?





# Haiku Review



Each poem has only three lines.



The syllable pattern of the poem should be 5-7-5.



Haiku are often written about seasons and nature.



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