



## STRAWBERRIES

- Over 600 different varieties of strawberries exist, each a little different in taste, texture and size.
- The strawberry plant has seeds on the outside skin rather than having an outer skin around the seed.
- If all the strawberries produced in California in one year were placed side by side, they would encircle the earth 15 times!
- The vitamin C in strawberries helps fight infection, heals cuts, and prevents bruising.



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## LANGUAGE ARTS: Strawberry Haiku

A haiku (high-koo) is a short three-line poem that uses sensory language to capture a feeling or image. Haiku poetry was originally developed by Japanese poets. They are often inspired by nature. Let the strawberry be your inspiration!

1. Brainstorm sensory words about strawberries with the group to gather ideas.
2. Help students understand the line and syllable structure of a haiku. Haikus follow a strict form: three lines, with a 5-7-5 syllable structure. That means the first line will have five syllables, the second line will have seven syllables, and the last line will have five syllables.

Note: A haiku does not have to rhyme or follow a certain rhythm as long as it adheres to the syllable count.

3. End with a surprising last line. A good haiku will have an ending line that is intriguing and leaves the reader hanging.
4. Encourage students to share their haiku with others.