

## Sample Haiku Syllable Chart

Number of Syllables

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: humpback whale

One	Two		Three		Four	
gray	humpback	gentle	warm-blooded orca	hates	pair of blowholes	torpedo-like
black	mammal	migrates	living young	crying out	migratory	white undersides
huge	eats krill	ocean	notched tail flukes	krill-eating	baleen rorqual	eats crustaceans
sings	one calf	singing	cetacean	spouting water	scallop-edged fins	ten thousand left
whale	swimming	baleen	sings to friends	migrator	longer flippers	stop the whaling
hump	heavy	creature	migrates far		endangered	migrating far

Five	Six	Seven	
communicating	lashes out at orcas	feeding along polar coasts	enemy is the orca
lives in saltwater	over seventy tons	breeds during winter season	feeding by far polar lands
stop the whaling	watch out for whalers!	weighs more than ten elephants	over-hunted by whalers

## Work Space (Sample)

### Five-Syllable Combinations

(For lines 1 and 3)

### Seven-Syllable Combinations

(For line 2)

Phrase Addition:	Addition:	Phrase	
gray black humpback sings	1 + 1 + 2 + 1+	notched tail flukes lashing out, ouch	3 + 3 + 1
orca stalks humpback	3 + 2	feeding by far polar lands	7 + 0
endangered mammal	3 + 2	baleen rorqual calf singing	2+2+1+2
Hey you! Humpback whale!	2 + 2 + 1	weighs more than ten elephants	7 + 0
warm-blooded creature	3 + 2	breeds during winter season	7 + 0
swimming in summer	2 + 3	sings to friends, calls out "come here"	3 + 4
stop the whaling	5 + 0	enemy is the orca	7 + 0
krill-eating humpback	3 + 2	migrating far in saltwater	3 + 4
hating orca whales	2 + 3	over-hunted by whalers	7 + 0
ocean migrator	2 + 3	scallop-edged fins, notched tail flukes	4 + 3
watch out for whalers	5 + 0	swims fast, like a torpedo	2 + 5
migrating so far	3 + 1 + 1	has one calf, living, not eggs	1+2+2+2
one lone huge gray whale	1+1+1+1+1		
one black whale alone	1+1+1+1+1		
heavy sea creature	2 + 1 + 2		
gentle-humped mammal	2 + 1 + 2		
poor whales dying out	1 + 1 + 3		
humpbacks dying fast	2 + 3		
likes swimming in sea	3 + 2		