

Interesting *Haiku*

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What is *haiku* (1)

Japanese shortest poetry :

- 17 syllables consist of 5-7-5
- Use a season word called *kigo*

History to 5-7-5

- *Waka* (和歌) : Various combinations of 5 and 7, *Asuka-Nara*
- *Tanka* (短歌) : 5-7-5-7-7, *Heian-*
Aristocrats or educated people as accomplishment
Exchange between lovers, natural beauty, view on life, ect.
Fujiwarano Teika (藤原定家), etc.
- *Renga*/*Haikai* (連歌/俳諧) : 5-7-5/7-7/5-7-5/7-7/---, *Kamakura-Edo*
Commoners in a group
Enjoy funniosity or witticism, true in ordinaries of life, etc.
Matsuo Basho (松尾芭蕉), etc.
- *Haiku* (俳句 (発句)) : 5-7-5, *Meiji-*
Commoners, alone
Masaoka Shiki (正岡子規)

Kigo (季語 “season word”)

■ a word or phrase associated with a particular season, used in Japanese life and poetry.

■ Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter/New year

The season : spring, february, etc.

The Sky and Heavens : mist, first spring storm, etc.

The Earth : spring rice paddy, mountain laugh, etc.

Humanity : the Doll Festival, cherry-blossom viewing, etc.

Observances : spring festival, Valentine's Day, etc.

Animals : cat's love, bush warbler, etc.

Plants : Japanese plum, young leaves, etc.

■ Wordbook called *saijiki* (歳時記) lists several thousand of *kigo* with example *haiku*.

古池や 蛙飛びこむ 水の音

fu-ru-i-ke-ya ka-wa-zu-to-bi-ko-mu mi-zu-no-o-to
1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4 5

old pond, sound of water a frog jumping in

Kigo : 蛙/frog (spring)

by *Matsu Basho* (松尾芭蕉)



Haiku

- Changes in nature are subjects of *haiku*, which reads poetry in daily life.
- Seeking originality is essentiality of *haiku*.
- *Haiku* should be written plainly with innocent heart like a child.
- *Haiku* shouldn't describe the whole thing.
- *Haiku* is like furnace in summer, fan in winter.
- *Haiku* is amusement for sunset years to enjoy lives together.

by *Matsu Basho*

What is *haiku* (2)

Sense : eyesight/hearing/smell/taste/touch/---

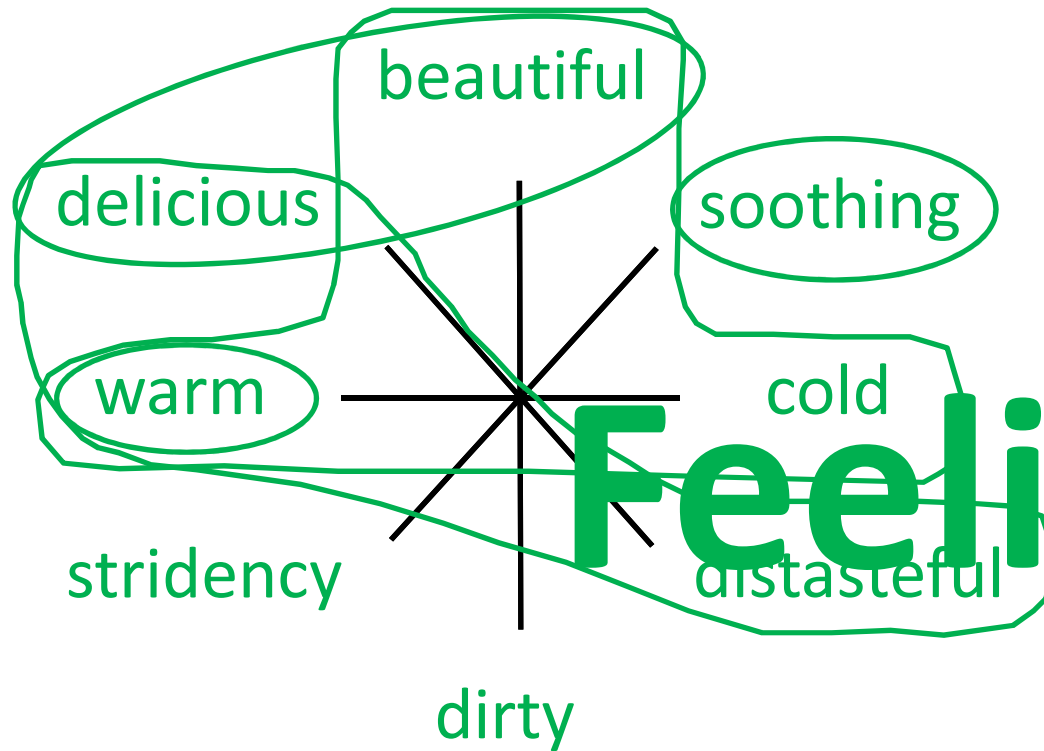


Feeling : delight/anger/sorrow/pleasure/love/hate/
美味しい/幸せだ/目出度い/爽やかだ/好きだ/愛おしい/
慈しい/懐かしい/遣る瀬無い/つまらない/悲しい/嫌いだ/
悔やしい/恥しい/惨めだ/憂鬱だ/頭に来た/---



How can you dare to express nothing about your feeling?

Human can't help but express one's feeling by term.



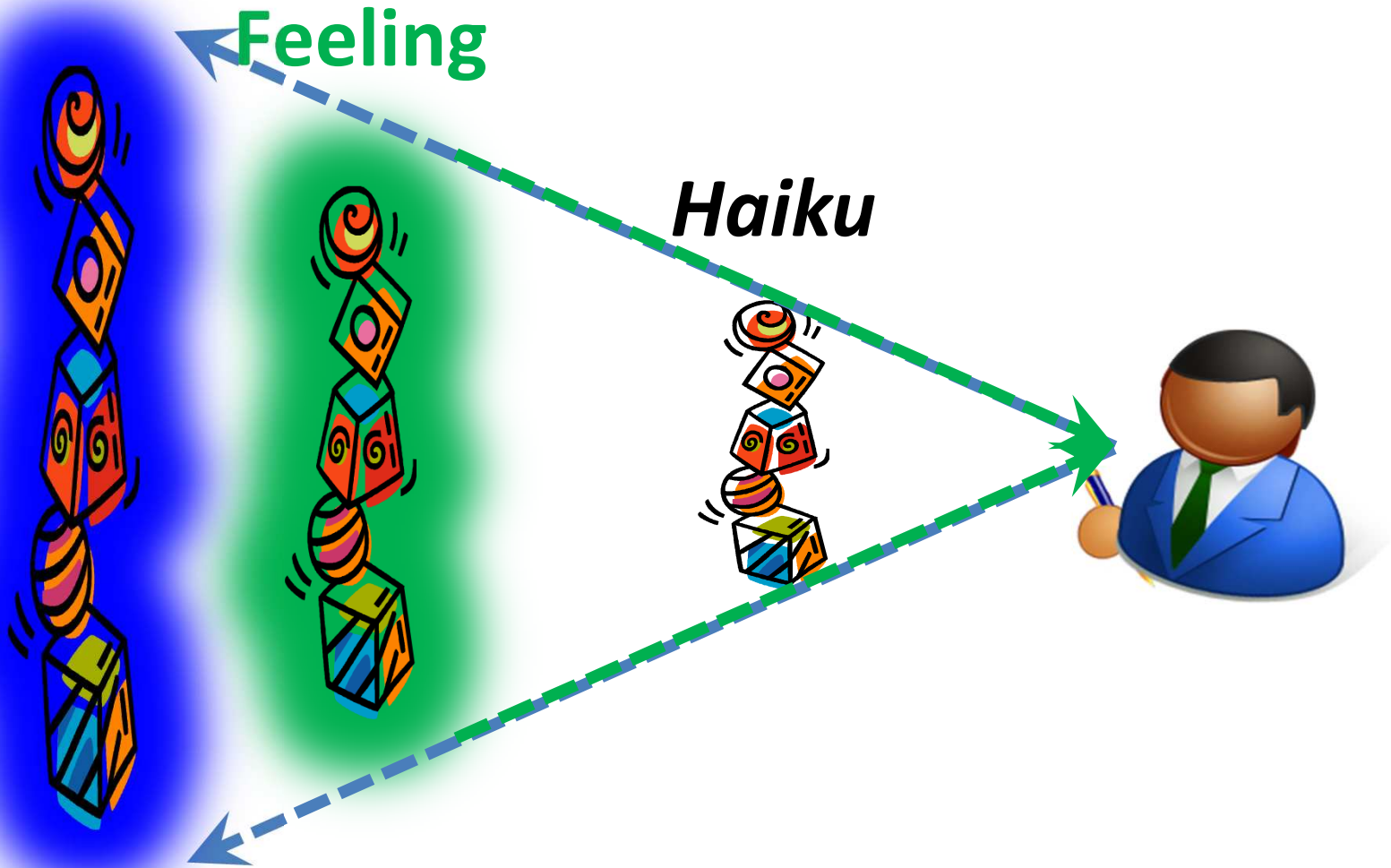
- Listening nice music.
- Sitting in the sun.
- Eating Japanese dish.
- Eating honey's homemade funny dish.
- Looking up starlight night with honey in deep of winter.



Your feeling is too tortuous to express with a word!

Haiku is the original expression of one's complicated feeling.

Feeling



Haiku can be appreciated
uniquely by each reader.

くろがねの秋の風鈴なりにけり

wind bell of iron, in autumn, has rung

Kigo : 秋/autumn (autumn)

by *Iida Dakotsu* (飯田蛇笏)

流れ行く大根の葉の早さかな

flowing through leaves of daikon radish, the speed

Kigo : 大根/daikon radish (winter)

by *Takahama Kyoshi* (高浜虚子)

はるうれひ 乳房はすこしお湯に浮く

melancholy in spring, my breasts float a bit in the bath

Kigo : 春愁/melancholy in spring (spring)

by *Inoue Hiromi* (井上弘美)

ラジオから「日本全国今日は秋晴」

from radio “fine autumn weather all over Japan today”

Kigo : 秋晴/ fine autumn weather (autumn)

by *Ueno Kinya* (上野欽也)

もてなしのこころ十六八重桜

hospitality of sixteen hearts, cherry of double flower

Kigo : 八重桜/cherry of double flower (spring)

by *Ueno Kinya* (上野欽也)

If you feel like writing haiku,
please tell me later!

End

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冷めかけの薄きコーヒー 春浅し

dying down weak coffee, shallow spring

Kigo : 春浅し/shallow spring (spring)

by *Ueno Kinya* (上野欽也)

ストーブの音の明るき朝かな

sound of *stove*, bright morning

Kigo : ストーブ/*stove* (winter)

by *Ueno Kinya* (上野欽也)