



HUMOROUS HAIKU

In *My Weirdest School #1: Mr. Cooper Is Super!*, A.J. and his classmates experience some strangely funny events. Using the humor found in these situations, create a hilarious haiku with an unexpected last line to complete the joke . . . like a punch line.

INSTRUCTIONS:

✿ A haiku is an unrhymed three-line poem with the middle line slightly longer than the other two (see an example below).

✿ Select one of these funny subjects taken from the story to write about:

- returning something borrowed
- changing the subject
- annoying classmates
- parents using traffic as an excuse for being late
- why Mr. Cooper is weird
- the teachers' lounge
- an alien spaceship coming to Earth
- superpowers
- having your own key
- a superhero costume, cape required
- learning math
- why Mrs. Roopy is weird
- Dewey Decimal System
- overdue library books

✿ Refer to the story to find details on your chosen topic.

✿ Read your haiku aloud to a classmate. Does it paint a clear picture of your topic? Can your partner guess what the poem was written about? Did it make you laugh?

SAMPLE TOPIC: How A.J. felt about learning math

SAMPLE HAIKU:

It's time for math, so open your books
Turn to the chapter on complex fractions
It's all complex to me!



Addresses the following ELA Common Core Reading and Writing Standards: *RL3.1 – 4.1; W3.1 – 4.1*

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