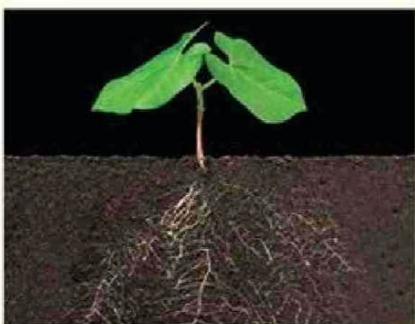


## Multiple-Meaning Words

Some words have more than one meaning. You can use context, or the words near the word, to figure out the correct meaning.

**Roots** is a **multiple-meaning word**. Compare these examples.



The plant has long **roots**.

**Meaning:** the plant part that grows underground



The crowd **roots** for its favorite team.

**Meaning:** cheers for

### Try It Together

Read the sentences. Then answer the questions.

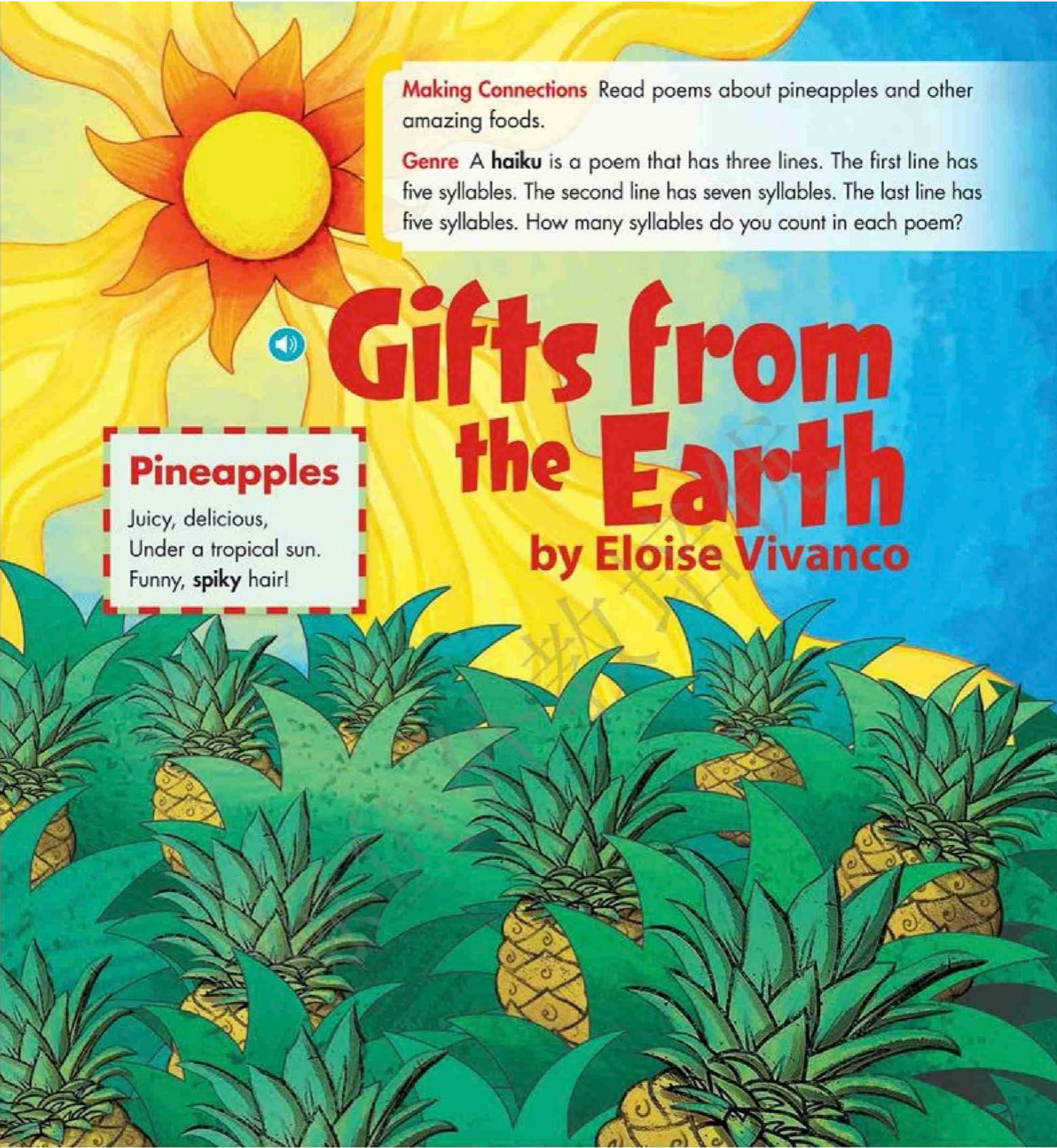
We live in the country. New homes sprout up every year. We sell carrots, bean sprouts, and other vegetables to our new neighbors.

1. What does sprout mean in the second sentence?

- A a new young plant
- B to appear suddenly
- C to grow shoots or buds
- D a plant part you can eat

2. Which word helps you understand the meaning of sprouts in the third sentence?

- A year
- B homes
- C neighbors
- D vegetables



**Making Connections** Read poems about pineapples and other amazing foods.

**Genre** A **haiku** is a poem that has three lines. The first line has five syllables. The second line has seven syllables. The last line has five syllables. How many syllables do you count in each poem?

## Pineapples

Juicy, delicious,  
Under a tropical sun.  
Funny, **spiky** hair!

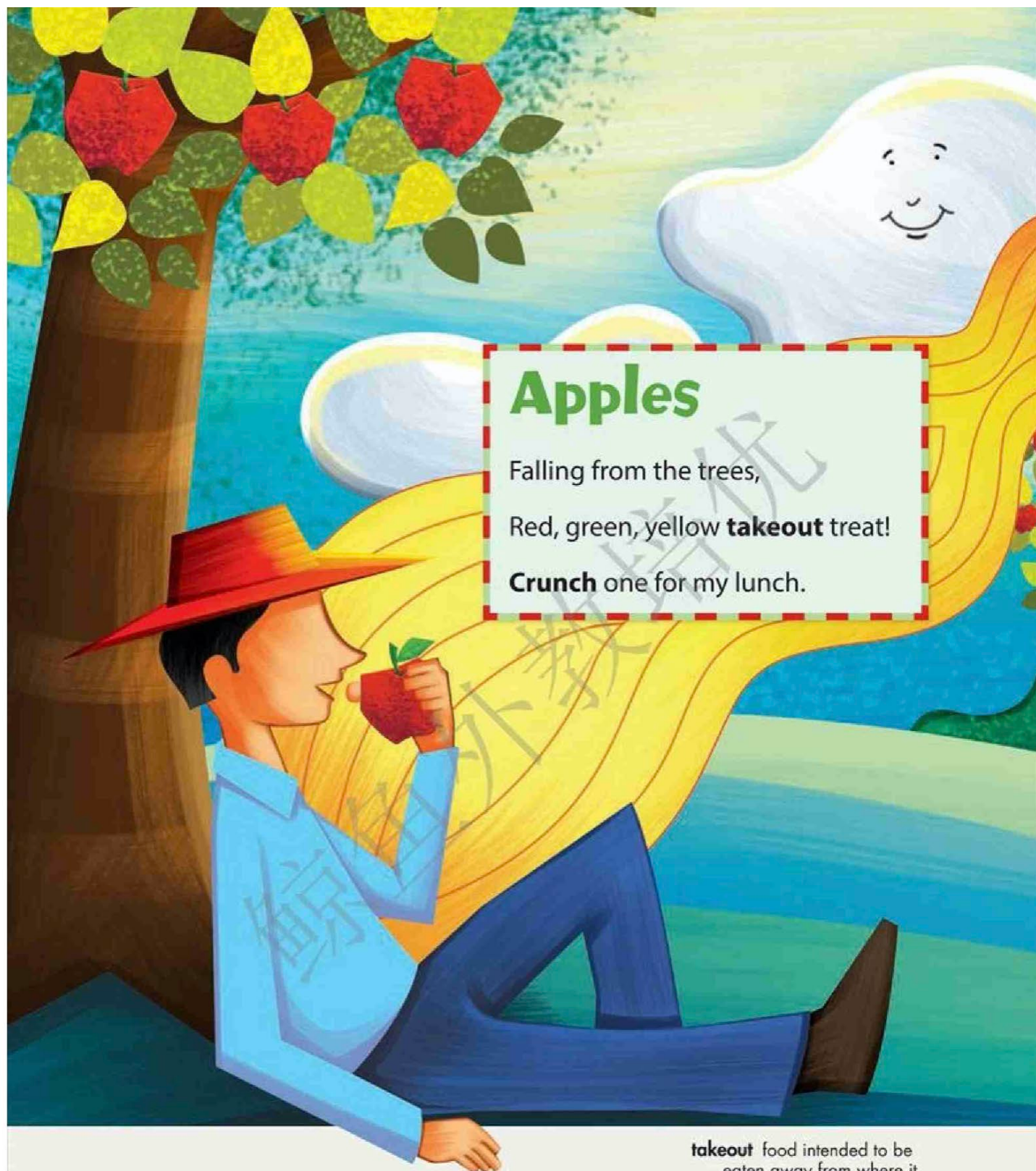
# Gifts from the Earth

by Eloise Vivanco

**spiky** sticking up

### ► Before You Continue

1. **Make Inferences** Based on the poem, what climate do you think pineapples need to grow in? Explain.
2. **Describe** Name two **characteristics** of pineapples, based on words in the poem.



## Apples

Falling from the trees,  
Red, green, yellow **takeout** treat!  
**Crunch** one for my lunch.

**takeout** food intended to be eaten away from where it was made

**Crunch** Chew with a noisy, crackling sound



### Five Things You Might Not Know about Apples

- Apples have more **genes** than humans!
- Scientists think apples **originated** in Kazakhstan, but they grow in many countries under many **conditions**.
- There are 3,000 known **varieties** of apples.
- One of the strangest names of a variety of apple is "Winter Banana."
- Apple trees blossom in spring or summer.



**genes** cells that determine **characteristics** of a living thing

**originated** where something began

**varieties** different types

### ► Before You Continue

1. **Make Inferences** Why are apples "takeout food?"
2. **Details** List two facts about apples that you learned by reading the information on this page.

# Rice

Green, wet **paddy field** ,

Tall grass waving in the **breeze**.

Pass the hot bowl, please! ❖



**paddy field** a watery field where  
rice is grown

**breeze** gentle wind



### More About Rice

- Rice is a grain, like corn or wheat.
- Rice can be grown in many places, but it needs **mild conditions**.
- In many Asian countries, it is common to eat rice for breakfast.
- Some artists will write your name on a grain of rice!

mild gentle

### ► Before You Continue

1. **Imagery** After reading the poem and looking at the picture, what do you imagine working in a paddy field might be like? What made you imagine it that way?
2. **Details** Name two things you learned about rice from the information on this page.





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## Compare Genres

A story and a haiku are different forms of writing, or genres. What about the two genres is the same? What about them is different? Work with a partner to complete the Venn diagram.

### Key Words

blossom

produce

characteristic

root

conditions

seed

cycle

soil

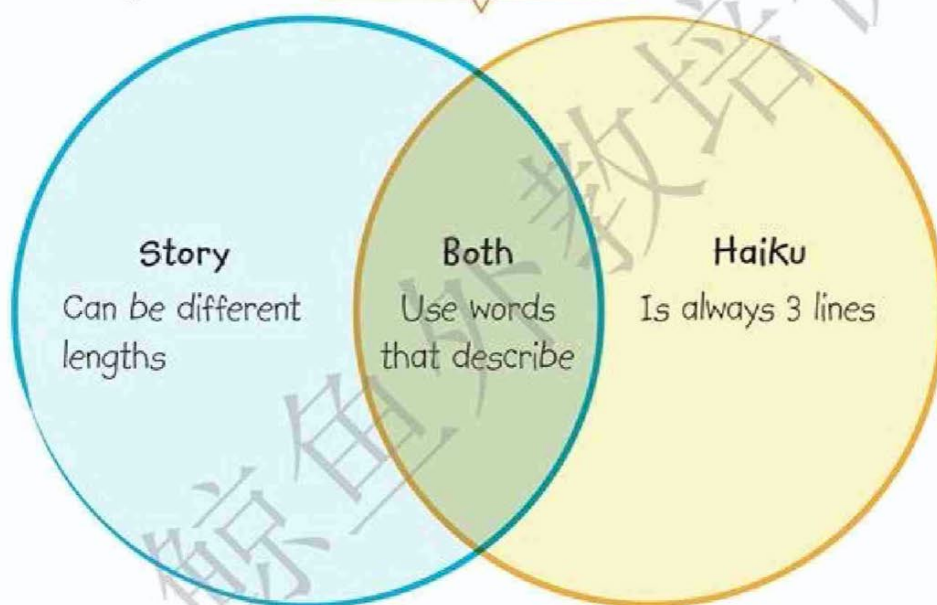
depend

sprout

growth

Venn Diagram

To compare, write what is the same here.



To contrast, write what is different here.

### Talk Together

What is amazing about how a plant grows? Think about the story, the haiku, and the facts about plants. Use **Key Words** to talk about your ideas.

## Plural Nouns

A noun names a person, place, thing, or idea. A **singular noun** shows "one." A **plural noun** shows "more than one."

### Grammar Rules Plural Nouns

|                                                                                                                                                                       | singular noun                                                                                                                                                                                       | plural noun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • Add <b>-s</b> to most nouns to show more than one.                                                                                                                  | cycle<br>flower                                                                                                    | cycles<br>flowers                                                                                                            |
| • Add <b>-es</b> to nouns that end in <b>x, ch, sh, ss, z</b> , and sometimes <b>o</b> .                                                                              | bush<br>tomato                                                                                                                                                                                      | bushes<br>tomatoes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| • For most nouns that end in <b>y</b> , change the <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> and then add <b>-es</b> . For nouns that end with a vowel and <b>y</b> , just add <b>-s</b> . | berry <br>family <br>boy<br>day | berries   <br>families<br>boys<br>days |

### Read Plural Nouns

Read this passage. What plural nouns can you find?

Hoa loved the chirping birds, the tall trees, and the bright green plants. Most of all, she loved the flowers and their sweet-smelling blossoms.

### Write Plural Nouns

What do you see on pages 178–179? Tell your partner what you see. Then write a sentence for your partner. Use a plural noun.