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**Rescue
Mission Wolf**

Background: Providing a home for rescued wolves, Mission Wolf is sanctuary for captive wolves and wolf-dog mixes. As an educational facility, Mission Wolf welcomes visitors for a tour to learn about these beautiful creatures yourself--and if you're lucky you might see one for yourself! Watch this [National Geographic video](#) to learn more about wolves.

After you have watched the video and taken a tour of the facility. Write down some interesting facts about wolves. Using the facts you listed, create a haiku poem about these majestic animals. See the **word alert** below for more information about a haiku poem.

Word Alert:

- **Haiku**—a Japanese short poem consisting of three phrases. There are only 17 syllables in a Haiku. The form of a Haiku is 5 syllables on the first line, 7 syllables on the second and 5 on the third.
- **Syllable**—a unit of pronunciation having one vowel (A-E-I-O-U and sometimes Y) sound forming a part of a word. Example Haiku has two syllables. One way to teach syllables is to hold your chin and say words, counting each time the chin goes down, which represents a syllable. Practice saying family member names to get the hang of syllables.

Activity: Using the example haiku below as inspiration, write your own haiku about wolves.

Wolves

Howling ball of fur (5 syllables)
Pack running, alpha in lead. (7 syllables)
Living in the wild (5 syllables)

_____ (5 syllables)

_____ (7 syllables)

_____ (5 syllables)

Interested in Learning More? Check out [Living with Wolves interactive online wolf exhibit](#) and National Geographics [Gray Wolf Educator Guide](#) for more activities.