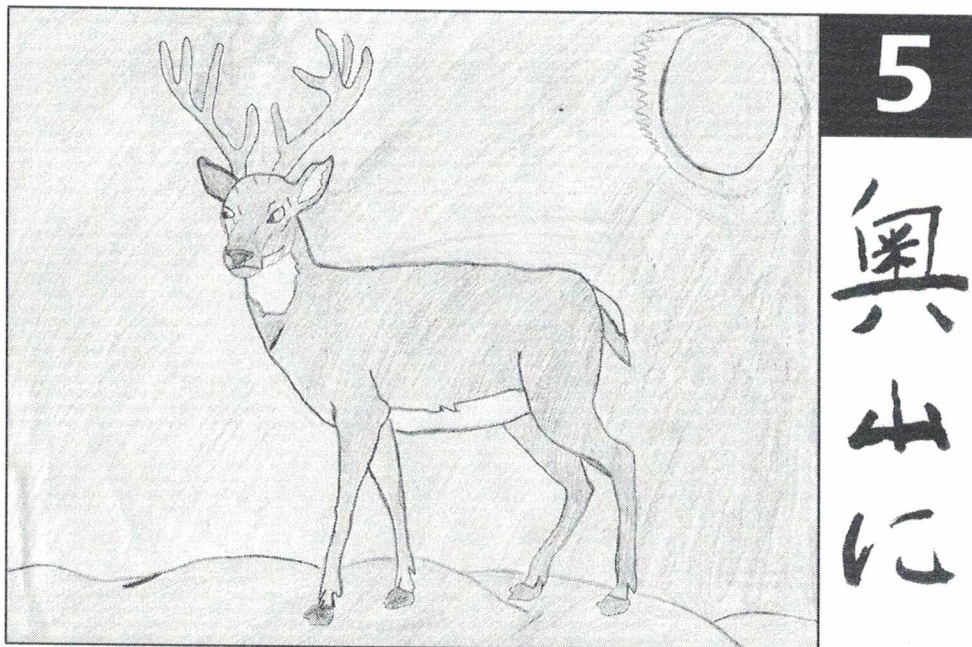


Worksheet

by Sarumaru, ninth-century Japan

In the deep mountains,	(five)
cutting through the autumn leaves,	(seven)
the cry of the deer.	(five)
When I hear it,	(traditionally seven)
autumn sadness, loneliness.	(seven)

(Translated by Paula Doe)



by Angel Cruz, Sonoma County

Two-story building
with its long fleet of stairs.
Tiring.
Tallest building in the school.
Glad I won't have to climb the stairs any more.

by Rogelio Cruz, Sonoma County

Yellow monkey bars.	(short)
Swinging from metal bar to metal bar.	(long)
Blisters on our hands.	(short)
Racing each other to the other end.	(long)
Sorry, monkey bars, but we have to leave.	(long)

Advice to Writers

Pick one of the topics that we brainstormed, or think of one of your own. Just be sure it's concrete: something you can touch, see, smell, hear. Go from the physical thing to the emotional feeling that it gives you. Try a variety of long and short lines.