

Quality Haiku

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Haiku are Japanese poems known for their evocative nature and brevity. Haiku are three-line poems where the first and third lines contain five syllables each, and the second line consists of seven syllables. Below are *quality* Haiku to inspire and humor you.

Quality matters
Never time to do it right
Yet time to redo.

99.9
It is good enough for most...
100%'s our goal!

"I'm only human"
A common complaint of staff
Passing the buck

To err is human
To be perfect is divine
Let's meet past half way!

QA and QC
More than an afterthought...
The mark of true pros.

Results are compiled.
The product works fairly well
Except when tested.

Typo here and typo there.
Someone didn't proof their text.
But readers always do.

Check all your spelling
And then check all your math
Errors cost money

Unbalanced budget.
They missed it by a digit.
Oops, they're in the hole.

Quick and dirty work
Often has to be redone
For the second time.

Erase and white-out
To clean up all my mistakes
Finally perfect!

You vow TQM.
The boss yells ASAP.
The result: FUBAR!

Trial and error
The standard review cycle
results in success.

Details, more details
We love the fine print of things.
It's said we're type-A.

Where errors abound:
Send in the quality team
To make the fixes.

I'm Craig Harrison
Speaker and Trainer.
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We're testing, testing
1-2-3, 4-5-6-8
unlucky seven!

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"Undocumented features"
Says Microsoft.

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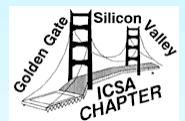
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