

Read Between the Lines

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You are presented seven haikus and some introductory text. The content is mostly a red herring, you have to notice the programming language names hidden between words. Each haiku also contains a number. Use the number to index into the hidden string.

A compilation of poems by Mordechai Kudzu, in various languages.

(First notice the word “haiku” hidden in the introductory text. This is a hint to look between the words in the poem for similarly hidden words. The words “compilation” and “languages” should hint at what you’re looking for.)

4 EIFFEL

The relief felt in
The courtroom overshadowed
The **four** victims’ pain.
(notice “relief” is misspelled)

2 LOGO

The prairie wonders:
Where have the buffalo gone?
We are **twice** cursed now.

3 PERL

The juniper leaves
On this **third** day of August
Have begun to fall.

4 FORTH

Do not search the sky,
Nor the ground, nor the waters
For theories of man.
(the only really tricky one. “forth” is both the programming language and the number – remember forth was so named because it was a fourth-generation language, but the filesystem only allowed 5 character names.

5 C SHARP

Much joy is found in
The **fifth** harmonics: **harpist**,
Play on, ‘til morning!

2 PASCAL

Two climbers take rest
Atop a **scal**able cliff
Among ghostly clouds.

2 INTERCAL

A soft **winter calm**
Falls on the **second** city
At the dawn of war.
(INTERCAL = Programming Language With No Pronounceable Acronym!)

So the final answer is **FORTTRAN**.