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You will learn how to use Frames to create a video poem in digital storytelling style. You will add images to frames, add text, text effects, music, and transitions, and then export the poem as a movie.

Contents

Add a Frame Background

Launch Frames.

You can add images from the library to your animation.

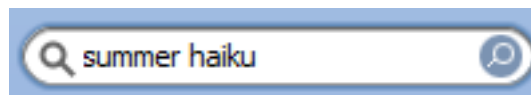Click the **Library** button.
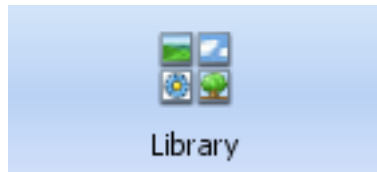
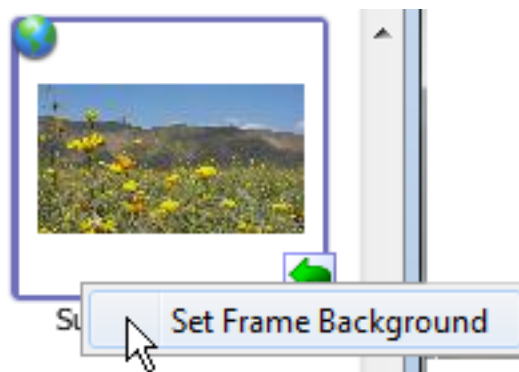Click the **Search** field at the bottom.

Type: summer haiku

Click the **Search** button (magnifying glass) on the right side of the field.

You will see results from the library that match your search.

Right-click the **Sunflower Blooms** image and choose **Set Frame Background**.

This image will fill the frame.

Add New Frames

You can add blank frames to an animation.

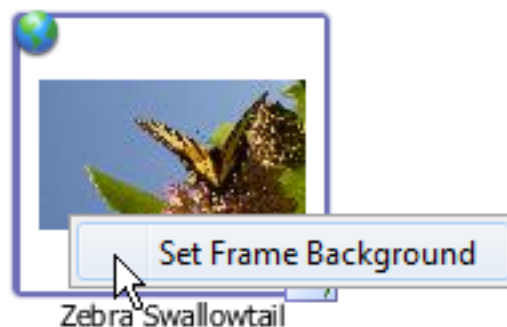Click the **New** button on the toolbar.

You will see a blank frame after this one in the storyboard.

It will also show in the preview.

Right-click the **Zebra Swallowtail** image and choose **Set Frame Background**.

Click the **New** button on the toolbar to add a third frame.

New

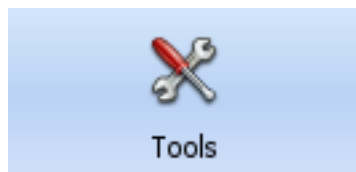Right-click the **New York Harbor** image and choose **Set Frame Background**.

Click the first frame of the animation in the storyboard.

Add Text

You can add text to a frame.

Click the **Tools** >button on the toolbar.

Tools

Click the **Text** tool at the top of the Tools panel.

You will see a text object in the middle of the frame.

Move over the middle of the text object.

Click and drag to the upper right corner of the frame so that the text is over the blue

sky.

Type the first line of a haiku about summer.

The first line of a haiku should have 5 syllables and reflect what is in the image.

For example: Dreams of golden fields

Move the cursor over one of the blue handles on the text box.

Click and drag away from the middle of the box to make the text larger.
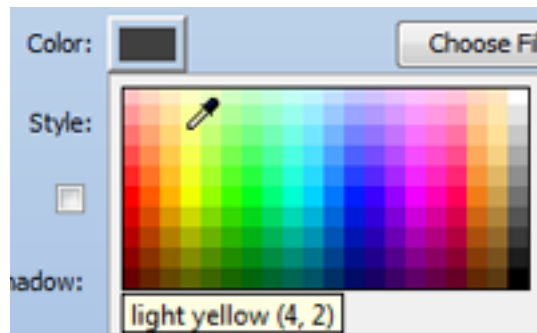
Format Text

You can change the way text looks.

Click on the frame away from the text box. Click one time on the text box to select it.
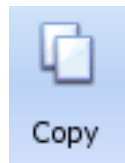
Use the **Font** pull-down menu on the Tools panel to choose a new font.

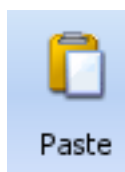Click the **Color** box to choose a new text color.

While the text box is still selected, click the **Copy** button on the toolbar.

Click the second frame in the storyboard.

Click the **Paste** button on the toolbar.

Move and Edit Text

Move over the text box and drag it to the upper left corner of the image.

Double-click the text box to edit the contents.

You will see a blinking cursor at the end.

Delete the text and type the second line of a haiku about summer.

The second line of a haiku should have 7 syllables and reflect what is in the photo.

For example: Flying on gossamer wings

Click the frame away from the text to deselect it.

Click the text one time to select the box.

Use the skills you have learned to copy and paste this formatted text to the third frame.

Move the text next to the large sailboat at the bottom.

Delete the text and type a third line for the summer haiku with 5 syllables.
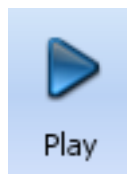
For example: Endless summer days

Change Frame Duration

Click the **Rewind** button on the toolbar to move to the first frame.

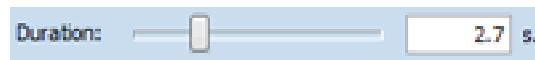Click the **Play** button to watch the video poem.

The timing of the frames is too quick to read the text.

You can change the duration of frames on the Tools panel.

Go to the **Edit** menu and choose **Select All Frames**.

Drag the **Duration** slider to the right to make the frame show between 2 and 3 seconds. This will give viewers time to read the text.
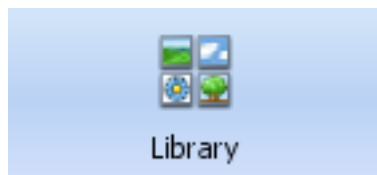
Duration: 2.7 s.

Add Transitions

You can add transitions between frames.

Click the **Rewind** button on the toolbar to move to the first frame.

Rewind

Click the **Library** button on the toolbar.

Library

Click the **Home** button at the top of the Library panel to return to the main categories.

Double-click the **Transitions** folder.

Transitions

You will see thumbnail previews of the transitions.
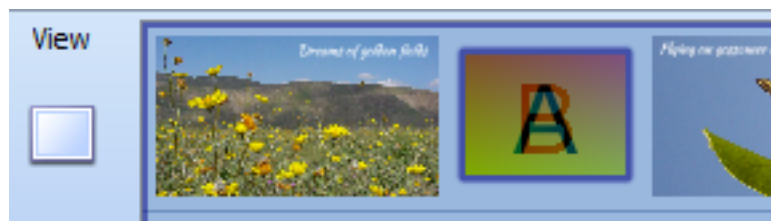
Find the transition you want to use.

Click it to select it.

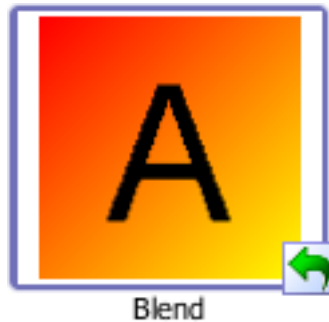Click the transition to add it after the selected frame.

Blend

You will see the transition added behind the first frame in the storyboard.

Click the second frame in the video poem.

Click a transition to add it after the selected frame.

Blend

Add Sound

You can add sound to an animation.

Click the **Rewind** button on the toolbar to return to the first frame.

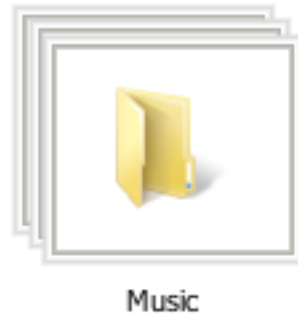Click the **Home** button at the top of the Library panel.

Double-click the **Sounds** folder.

Sounds

You will see the folders in the Sounds library.
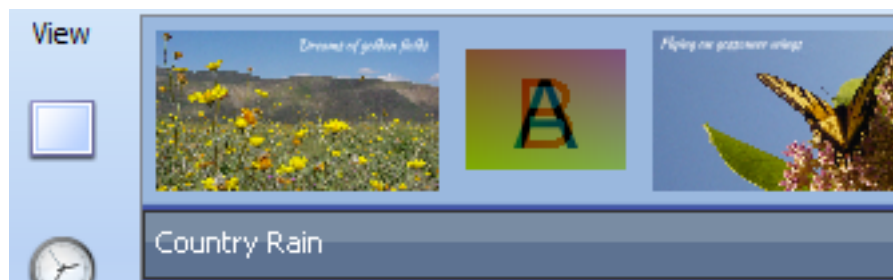
Double-click the **Music** folder.

Music

You will see the sounds in the music folder.

Click the **Country Rain** music file.

Click the green arrow to add this sound to your animated movie.

Country Rain

The sound will be added to the animation starting at the first frame.

Click the **Rewind** button on the toolbar.

Click the **Play** button on the toolbar to watch and listen to the video poem.

Save the Animation

You can save a Frames file so that you can work on it during multiple sessions.

Click the **Save** button on the toolbar.

You will see the Save Project As dialog.

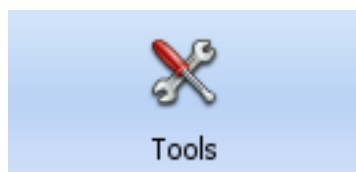Type a name and choose a place to save the file.
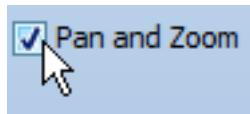
Click the **Save** button.

Pan and Zoom

You can pan and zoom on part of a frame while it is playing.

Click the last frame in the video poem.

Click the **Tools** button on the toolbar.

Click the **Pan and Zoom** check box on the Tools panel.

You will see an opaque box on the frame.

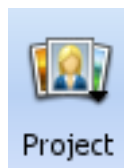Drag and resize it to focus on your text and the sailboat.

Click the **Rewind** button on the toolbar.

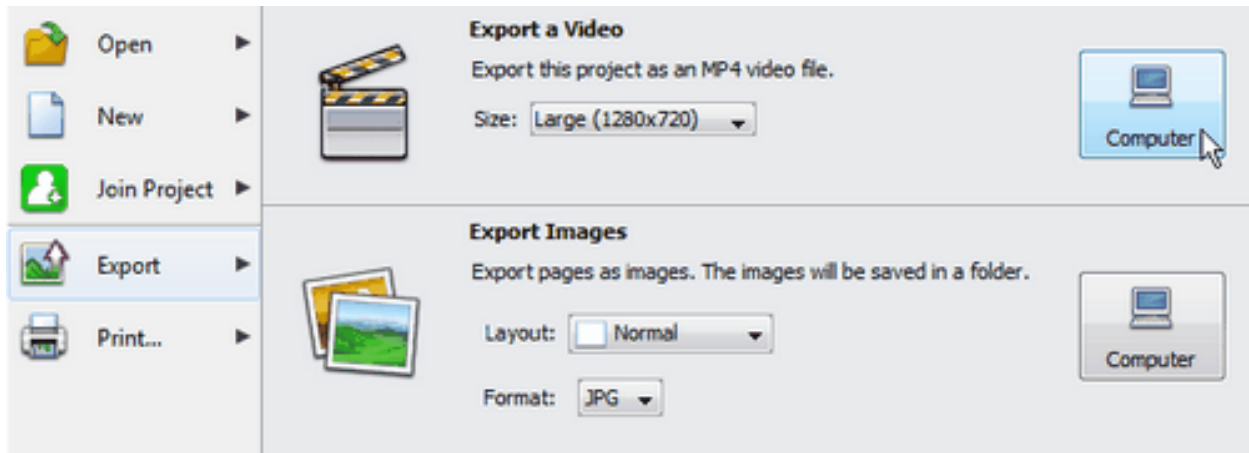Click the **Play** button to watch the video poem.

Export a Video

Click the **Project** button on the toolbar.

Click the **Export** button.

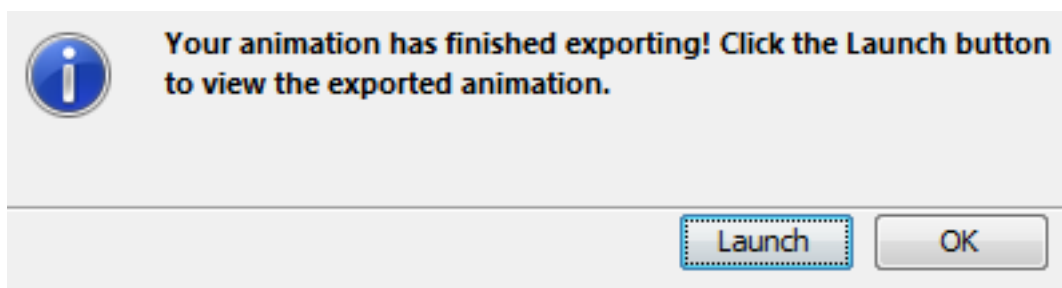Click the **Computer** button in the Export a Video area.

You will see the Save Movie As dialog.

Choose a place to save the video.

Click the **Save** button.

Frames will create the movie.

When it is finished, you will see a Finished Exporting dialog.

Click the **Launch** button to watch the movie in a video player on your computer.

Close the video.

Close Frames.

Conclusion

Congratulations! You have created a video poem with Frames.

In this Recipe, you learned how to:

Open Frames

Add images to frames

Add new frames

Add text

Format text

Add transitions

Add sound

Save

Preview a digital story

Adjust pan and zoom

Export a Video