



CLASS: VII
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SUBJECT: ENGLISH
P-8–MEADOW SURPRISES

Pre-Activity : Draw the picture given with the poem and describe it.

Working with the Poem

Question 1. Read the lines in which the following phrases occur. Then discuss with your partner the meaning of each phrase in its context.

- (i) velvet grass
- (ii) drinking straws
- (iii) meadow houses
- (iv) amazing mound
- (v) fuzzy head

Answer:

- (i) velvet grass indicates that the grass is as soft as velvet.
- (ii) drinking straws means the butterflies which drink the nectar from the flowers seem as if they are drinking it with straws.
- (iii) meadow houses refer to the houses of rabbits, i.e. the burrows of ants, i.e. anthills and nests.
- (iv) amazing mound means the mounds created by the ants for dwelling.
- (v) fuzzy head indicates the flowers of the dandelion, which now floats in the air when we blow it.

Question 2: Which line in the poem suggests that you need a keen eye and a sharp ear to enjoy a meadow? Read aloud the stanza that contains this line.

Answer: The line that suggests that you need a keen eye and a sharp ear to enjoy a meadow is:

“You may discover these yourself, if you look and listen well.”

Question 3: Find pictures of the kinds of birds, insects and scenes mentioned in the poem.

Answer: Do it yourself.

Question 4: Watch a tree or a plant, or walk across a field or park at the same time every day for a week. Keep a diary of what you see and hear. At the end of the week, write a short paragraph or a poem about your experiences.

Answer: During the summers, I observed the holy Basil plant placed in the courtyard dying, due to lack of water.

So, I decided to water it regularly. I realised that the first few days, there was hardly any change in the plant. On the fourth day, tiny leaves emerged on its branches. Soon, those tiny leaves grew into full leaves and the entire plant seemed to have bloomed fully.

Post Activity- “Best things in the world are free” .Describe this saying in your own words.