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**NOTES**

**CLASS: VII**

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**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**P-8—MEADOW SURPRISES**

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

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**Working with the Poem**

**Question 1.** Read the lines in which the following phrases occur. Then write 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? Write 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 this 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.

**Supplementary 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 realized 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.

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**Post Activity- “Best things in the world are free”. Describe this saying in your own words and also relate it with the Poem.**

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