

Chapter 3: Silver

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Imagine that your class has to be divided into groups or houses. Each house will have its own colour, symbol/ emblem, motto, dress code, a common room with objects of their interest, and suitable furniture. Think of sets of four names for the groups. Form groups and work out the (imaginary) details for each set. Some suggestions are: Neem - Colour, yellow; Symbol, the sun; Motto, 'Health is wealth'; Dress code, yellow waist belt; etc. Cane furniture, green and yellow curtains, and herbariums in the common room.

Category	Names			
Metals	steel	copper	silver	gold
Flowers				
Stars or galaxies				
Trees	Neem	Banyan	Gulmohur	Ashoka
Seasons				

SOLUTION

Category	Names			
Metals	steel	copper	silver	gold
Flowers	Rose	Lotus	Lily	Sunflower
Stars or galaxies	Milky Way	Sun	Andro- meda	Sirius (Star)
Trees	Neem	Banyan	Gulmohur	Ashoka
Seasons	Summer	Winter	Spring	Autumn

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Read the lines of the following poem. Guess and fill in suitable words to make the lines rhyme -

Golden Glow

Soon after dawn, rises the _____.

It wakes and enlivens every _____.

It scares away the long, dark _____.

The shining stars go out of _____.
From tree to tree birds flit and, _____.
Searching for food, with a sharp _____.
The buds that open now show their, _____
As flowers, they dance with beauty and _____.
The hill slope wears a grassy green, _____
The curved sparkling river, it's gold _____.
The cock then crows to give a loud, _____
Come on! wake up, folks! One and _____.
I, then wake up, 'Good Morning' to, _____
Let's all look forward to a golden _____.

SOLUTION

Golden Glow

Soon after dawn, rises the **sun**
It wakes and enlivens every **one**
It scares away the long, dark **night**
The shining stars go out of **sight**
From tree to tree birds flit and **squeak**
Searching for food, with a sharp **beak**
The buds that open now show their **face**
As flowers, they dance with beauty and **grace**
The hill slope wears a grassy green **cover (look)**
The curved sparkling river, its gold **water (brook)**
The cock then crows to give a loud **call**
Come on! Wake up, folks! One and **all**
I, then wake up, 'Good Morning' to **say**
Let's all look forward to a golden **day**.

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If you were asked to draw a detailed picture of the scene described in the poem, what object, animals, natural features, etc. will you show in the picture? Make a list.

SOLUTION

Objects: Houses, windows, kennel, nests.

Animals: Dogs, doves, mouse, fish.

Natural features: Moon, moonlight, trees, fruits, river, river plants.

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Write the rhyming words and the rhyme scheme of the poem.

SOLUTION

The rhyming words are:

- moon - shoon
- catch - thatch
- peep - sleep
- gleam - stream
- sees - trees
- log - dog
- by - eye.

The rhyme scheme of the poem is aabb.

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Underline the word silver/silvery in the poem. In which lines does it occur? What pattern does it show?

SOLUTION

The word silver/silvery appears in every alternate line of the poem. The even lines do the colouring of the objects under consideration.

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Can you think of a parallel scene of dawn or evening when everything is steeped in golden light?

SOLUTION

Dawn is the first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise. The golden glow covering the sky, signals to the animals, especially, the birds that the sun is about to rise. As a result, there is a lot of chirping of the birds like the rooster, the cuckoo, and many more. The birds chirping are like a wake-up call for everyone. There is a golden light covering the sky. The golden light marks the beginning of a new day.

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The same landscape appears different at different times. What message can we draw from this?

SOLUTION

'Difference in perception' is what we can mainly draw from this. Life will always offer happiness and difficulties to everyone but the difference lies in how we deal with

situations. The same glass can appear half full to one and half-empty to the other. It all depends on how we perceive things.

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Read: 'The Listeners' and 'Someone' - poems by Walter de la Mare.

SOLUTION

Do it yourself.