

UNIT-4

Exploring Poetry

ACTIVITY - 1

Read aloud and enjoy the poem 'LIFE'

'LIFE'

What is Life?
Life is a tree
That grows well
With love and care.

Life is a kite
Ready to fly
In the air.

Life is music
If you know
The notes to play.

Life is a road
With twists and turns
On its way.

What is Life?
Life is
What you make it
Your way.

- By Ms. Esther Samuel.



ACTIVITY - 2

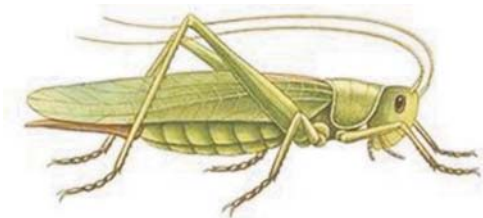
Visit a park and identify birds, insects, trees and flowers. Note the details below.

Birds	Insects	Trees	Flowers

ACTIVITY - 3

On The Grasshopper and The Cricket

This is a poem on nature. In it, the grasshopper and cricket act as symbols suggesting life. Read the poem and notice how 'the poetry of earth' keeps on through summer and winter in a never-ending song.



The poetry of earth is never dead:
When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead,
That is the grasshopper's - he takes the lead
In summer luxury – he has never done
With his delights, for when tired out with fun
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.



The poetry of earth is ceasing never:
On a lone winter evening when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stone there shrills
The cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever,
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost;
The grasshopper's among some grassy hills.

-John Keats.

ACTIVITY - 4

Match A with B.

A	B
Faint	feeling sleepy
Ceasing	comes through loud and clear
Wrought	brought about
Drowsy	weak
Shrill	stop existing or happening



ACTIVITY - 5

Answer the following questions with reference to the poem.

1. What happens when all the birds are faint in the heat of the sun?

2. When can one hear the cricket's song?

3. "..... he takes the lead
In summer luxury."
Who is 'he'?

ACTIVITY - 6

Personification: The entire poem is a good example of the poetic device, personification, where objects or animals have human qualities.

e.g: The poetry of earth is never dead.

Here, the poetry is personified as to having the human quality of dying.

Work in a group to list five examples of personification.

ACTIVITY - 7

Fun with language:

Complete the following ladder with the clues given below.

(1) E _ _ _ H (2)

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(3) S _ _ _ _ R (4)

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(5) T _ _ _ S (6)

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(7) G _ _ _ S

Clues:

1. There is life on the planet _____ .
2. The North-Eastern part of India is full of _____ .
3. Woolens is to winter, as cottons is to _____ .
4. When we are sick, we need to _____ .
5. _____ help in keeping the surroundings pure.
6. Sing a _____ of six pence.
7. The _____ is always green on the other side of the fence.



ACTIVITY - 8

Rhyming words:

Give as many rhyming words as you can for the following.

1. Sun _____
2. Lone _____
3. Shrill _____
4. Weed _____

ACTIVITY - 9

Know your surroundings:

Who am I? Also show my pictures as you recognize me.

1. I am a large brown insect that is sometimes found in warm places or where food is kept.
Answer: _____
2. I am a small insect which bites and sucks blood of the people, sometimes also causing Malaria.
Answer: _____
3. I am a type of a beetle producing light from my body.
Answer: _____
4. I am an insect with long, black legs and I jump high into the air and make a vibrating sound.
Answer: _____
5. I am a bright coloured insect with long, thin body and two sets of wings.
Answer: _____

ACTIVITY - 10

Make a greeting card, with beautiful pictures of birds, insects, flowers and trees.