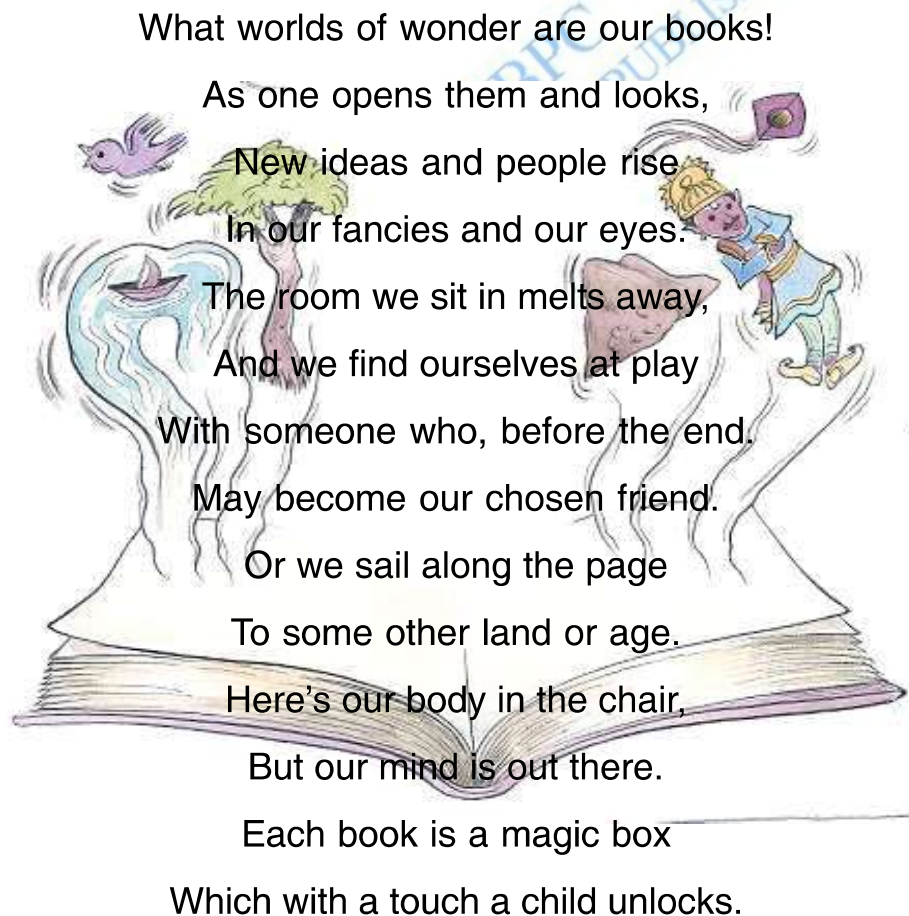


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Books - Our Best Friends

A. Warmer

Do you like reading books? List at least two books that you have read recently.



In between their outside covers,
Books hold all things for their lovers.

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Glossary and notes

wonder (n)	a feeling of surprise and curiosity that you have on seeing something beautiful, unusual or unexpected, अद्भूत वस्तु, आश्चर्य
fancies (n)	something that you imagine, कल्पना
sail (v)	to move smoothly, सहज तरीके से चलना
magic(n)	the secret power of appearing to make impossible things happen by saying special words or doing special things, जादू
unlock (v)	to let something come out, ताला खोलना, प्रकट करना

B. Let's comprehend

B.1. Think and Tell

B.1.1. Answer the following questions orally:

1. What worlds of wonder are our books ?
2. What are the books compared to ?

B.2. Think and Write**B.2.1. True or False:**

1. Write true or false in front of each statement in the space provided.

- (a) Reading books is boring. _____
- (b) Books tell us nothing new. _____
- (c) Books tell us about far away places. _____
- (d) Books do not tell us anything about times gone by. _____
- (e) Books help us imagine about the people we have never met. _____

B.2.2. Tick (✓) the most appropriate option for each of the following:

1. The line '*The room we sit in melts away*' means that

- (a) There is ice in the room that starts melting
- (b) We forget that we are sitting in the room
- (c) The room is broken down
- (d) The room we are sitting in is made of ice

2. The words '*our chosen friend*' refer to

- (a) our best friend in school
- (b) a friend who we like playing with
- (c) a character whom we like in a story
- (d) the friend we choose to study with

3. Here's our body in the chair,
But our mind is out there.

The poet feels that when we are reading books we are sitting in chairs but our minds are

- (a) at school
- (b) at home
- (c) at the places and times we are reading about
- (d) in the playground

B.2.3. Answer the following questions:

- 1. For whom do books hold things ?
- 2. We unlock a room with the help of a key. How can a book be unlocked by a child?

C. Word Study

C.1. Opposites of the following words appear in the poem. Pick them out and write them down in the space given below:

close _____

old _____

after _____

beginning _____

lock _____

inside _____

fall _____

Use the following words both as nouns and verbs in sentences of your own:

play open look mind land

One has been done for you:

1. Play cricket everyday (verb)

Yesterday I saw an interesting play (n)

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

C.2. Prefixes

The word 'unlock' is made by adding the prefix 'un' to the word 'lock'. Some words in the Help Box can be changed into new words by adding 'un'. Choose the words that will take the prefix 'un'-. Also make the opposite of the remaining words by adding other prefixes such as 'il-' 'in-' 'dis-' 'mis-' 'ir-', etc.



Help Box

do, happy, polite, fit, able, available, legal,
acceptable, clean, friendly, regular, grateful,
imaginative, spell, impressed, charge, just, like,
kind, relevant, planned, plug, polished, satisfying,
comfort, guide

D. Rhyming Words

Say the following lines aloud:

What worlds of wonder are our books!

As one opens them and looks,

The words 'books' and 'looks' rhyme with each other and are thus called rhyming words. Search for more rhyming words in the poem.

E. Composition**What do you like to read?**

Write in 50-60 words about a book or story that you like very much. The book need not be in English. Sunil has written down about his favourite story below:

My favourite story is Vikram Betal. It is about a king and a ghost. I like it because the ghost is very smart. He tells lots of stories. He asks lots of questions.

F. Translation**Translate the following sentences into English:**

1. हमें प्रतिदिन विद्यालय जाना चाहिए ।
2. क्या मैं रात में यहाँ ठहर सकता हूँ ।
3. हमें अपने माता-पिता की आज्ञा माननी चाहिए ।
4. मैं आपके बिना नहीं रह सकता हूँ ।
5. एक बार मैं अपने भाई के साथ बाजार जा रहा था ।

G. Activity

Go to your school library and make a list of story books. Write how many of them belong to each of the following category:

Science stories	Short stories	Comic stories	Fairy tales	Detective stories