

Chapter- 6

The Coming of Spring

STUDY NOTES

AT A GLANCE

This poem marks the arrival of the spring season. Different elements of nature very gaily spread the news of the spring season showering its beauty all around the nature. Starting from the bright sunshine to the smallest of its kind the bee also takes the opportunity in displaying its happiness at the upcoming spring. The poet has tried the best to project the beauty of the season.

Get Going

A. Let us find the answers from the poem.

1) What did the sunshine tell the bluebird?

Ans) The sunshine told the bluebird that the dandelions were peeping from the woodland's sheltered nook i:e Spring has finally arrived.

2) Why did the brook babble all the way?

Ans) The brook babbled all the way as that is the noise a brook makes. It was also happy that it was going to tell the river that the glorious May had come.

B. Let us read between the lines.

1) Why did the bee shake off its sleep?

Ans) The bee shook off its sleep because insects go to sleep in winter and wake up with the arrival of Spring.

2) What does the word 'sheltered' in the fourth line of the poem mean?

Ans) 'Sheltered' means that it was not in the sun. It was shaded by the trees of the forest.

C. Let us go beyond the poem.

Spring symbolises rebirth. Which stanza of the poem reflects this? How?

Ans) The following stanza symbolises rebirth –

Soon, the river told the meadow,
And the meadow told the bee,
That the tender buds were swelling
On the old Chestnut tree.

The tender or soft buds were beginning to grow in their size in an old tree, which clearly means re growth of life.

VOCABULARY JUNCTION

Read these sentences and answer the questions that follow.

- 1) The sun beat down on us while we are swimming.

What is being personified?

Ans) The Sun

What human trait is given to the personified object?

Ans) Beating down

- 2) The dusty book cried for attention.

What is being personified?

Ans) Dusty book

What human trait is given to the personified object?

Ans) Crying

- 3) I think that the chocolate pastry is calling out my name!

What is being personified?

Ans) Chocolate pastry

What human trait is given to the personified object?

Ans) Calling out name

PHONICS JUNCTION

Now, read these sentences. Circle the oo words that have the short u sound and underline the oo words that have the long u sound.

1) I didn't wear the right boots to the school.

Ans) I didn't wear the right boots to the school.

2) The crook shook its head and pulled down his hood.

Ans) The crook shook its head and pulled down his hood.

3) I thought I saw someone flying on a broomstick! It was spooky.

Ans) I thought I saw someone flying on a broomstick! It was spooky.

4) My tooth hurts. Let me have some mushroom soup. Please pass me the spoon.

Ans) My tooth hurts. Let me have some mushroom soup. Please pass me the spoon.

5) Manju told Radha that she looked good.

Ans) Manju told Radha that she looked good.

6) The cook stood in the corner.

Ans) The cook stood in the corner.

GRAMMAR JUNCTION

Identify and underline the to infinitive in each of these sentence. State whether it is talking about a reason, a plan or a wish.

a) My friend is coming over to my house to complete our maths project.

Ans) My friend is coming over to my house to complete our maths project.

Reason

a) I am wearing a sweater to keep myself warm.

Ans) I am wearing a sweater to keep myself warm.

Reason

c) I am going to my grandma's place to meet all my cousins.

Ans) I am going to my grandma's place to meet all my cousins.

Plan

d) Sheena told her mom that she wanted to go to the Pizza Point for lunch.

Ans) Sheena told her mom that she wanted to go to the Pizza Point for lunch.

Wish

e) They made sandwiches to take to the movie theatre.

Ans) They made sandwiches to take to the movie theatre.

Plan

2) Fill in the blanks with appropriate verbs from the box. Use the verbs in simple present tense or in the infinitive form.

- a) You must submit the assignment tomorrow.
- b) You have to climb uphill to see the entire city.
- c) You can go to the market in the evening.
- d) d) Manav had to meet/to visit his old friend in Delhi.
- e) e) We should buy gifts for everyone.
- f) f) My mom had to cook for a dozen guests.