

### Nonsense Verse

A Humorous and whimsical verse. It contains absurd characters and actions and is meant to be fun.

### Theme of the Poem -

The poem throws light on the longing of an eel to ride a bicycle. ~~It is determined to ride a bicycle. It is determined to ride a bicycle.~~ It is determined to ride of a wheel. It tries really hard, however, does not get success. In order to ride the bicycle it makes multiple efforts, however, is not able to ride the bicycle properly. It manages to sit on the seat of the bicycle but cannot hit both the pedals of the bicycle as he cannot sit astride. Later, he tries to jump. Then it faces another issue that is it keeps on riding ~~and~~ nevertheless it cannot stop now. Another problem is how it would steer the bicycle. Chances are it might flop.

On the ~~evening~~ meantime, there is another eel who was also the ~~neighbour~~ neighbour of the first eel. It observing this humorous affair and suggested a brilliant idea. It proposed that both of them will fasten their waists

with a little green belt and strap it firmly. Thereafter, they will hop on over the seat and squirm so that they both can paddle using their tails and ride the bicycle. And there they were, all set to live their dream and ride the bicycle as they longed in the longed in the beginning of the poem -

### Questions & Answers

Q1) What did the eel want to do? Why couldn't he do it?

Ans) The eel was determined to ride on a wheel, but he could not do it because when he sat on the saddle to ride, his tail could only pedal one side.

Q2) What plan was devised by the neighbour to solve the problem?

Ans) His neighbour, who was also an eel, said that they could wrap a belt around both their waists and fasten it with a strap. In this manner, each eel could pedal one side of the bicycle.

Q3) Identify your pairs of words from the poem that make minimal pairs?

Ans) Eel-wheel, might-right, fun-done, side-side

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Q4) What do you understand by the line, 'That two heads are better than one'.

Ans 'That two heads are better than one' means that when ~~two~~ two people work together to solve a problem, they are more likely to find a solution, than when one person ~~works~~ works alone.

Q5) What do 'the fun' and 'the thing' refer in the following lines?

~~His~~ His neighbour, observing the fun, said, "I think that the thing that the thing can be done in these lines. The fun, refers to the neighbor's observation of the ambitious young, ~~ell~~ failing over while attempting to ride the bicycle. 'The thing' refers to the act of riding a bicycle successfully."