

Nonsense Verse - a humorous and whimsical verse. It contains absurd characters and actions and is meant to be fun.

A Bicycle Build for Two

Theme of the poem → The poem throws light on the longing of an eel to ride a bicycle. It is determined to ride the bicycle it makes multiple efforts, however it not able to ride the bicycle properly. It manages to sit on the seat of the bicycle but ~~however~~ cannot hit both the pedals of the bicycle as he cannot sit astride.

Later, he tries to jump and hangs itself over the top of the bicycle. Then it faces another issues i.e. it keeps on riding nevertheless it cannot stop now. Another problem is how it would steer the bicycle. Chances are it might flap.

In the meantime, there is another eel who was also the neighbour of the first eel. It observing this humour affair and suggested a brilliant idea. It proposed that both of them will fasten their ~~waists~~ waists with a bottle 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 dreams and ride the bicycle as they longed in the beginning of the poem.

(HW)

A 1. 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.

2. What was a plan devised by the neighbour to solve the problem.

Ans His neighbour, who was 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 bicycle.

3. Identify four pairs of words from the poem that make minimal pairs

Ans eel - wheel, might - right, fun - done, ride - side.

B. Let us read between the lines

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

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

2. What do 'the fun' and 'the thing' refer to in the following

- His neighbour, observing the fun,

Said, 'I think that the thing can be done,

Ans In these lines 'the fun' refers to the neighbour's observation of the ambitious young eel failing over while attempting to ride a bicycle. 'The thing' refers to the act of riding a bicycle successfully.

C. Let's go beyond the poem.

1. Do you think the poem has a moral for the readers? If so, what is it?

Ans Moral of the readers is that :- We should never give up and keep trying
:- Unity is strength.