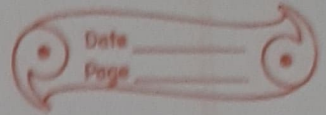


# The Peacock

## Exercises



Q1. What is the "flash of turquoise" in the pipal tree? Why is it described so?

Ans - The 'flash of ~~torquoise~~ turquoise' in the pipal tree is the peacock. It is described because the speaker catches a glimpse of radiant bluish-green neck of the peacock behind the pipal tree.

Q2. What does it mean to 'live inside the book'?

Ans - To live inside the book, means to concentrate on reading the book & get totally absorbed in it & forget your surrounding.

Q3. According to the speaker, what do you have to do to observe the peacock?

Ans - According to the speaker, we have to sit in the veranda & read your favorite book with concentration & become fully engrossed in it for the peacock to visit you. In other words, you must ignore the peacock & not look out for, it & ~~as~~ then you can spot it easily.

Q4. How do the cat, wind & bees tell the speaker that the peacock has arrived?

Ans - The wind changes direction, the bees stop humming & the cat awakens & stretches to

signal the arrival of the peacock.  
B.1 The speaker tells us that it is very difficult to catch a glimpse of the peacock. How does she convey this to us?

Ans - The poem begins with a sense of mystery. The peacock seems to appear on the scene from nowhere but even before it is properly glimpsed, it disappears. Before this fleeting vision, the peacock is heard, a call that announces its presence, a call that is 'loud' & distinctive. The speaker says it is likely to see the peacock when the person is seated with a book, engaged in reading it with deep concentration. By the time the person engrossed in reading lifts his eyes to sense the presence of the peacock, only a passing glimpse of its vision can be had.

Q.2. a) what are the 'violet' & 'golden amber' eyes that the speaker is talking about? How are these eyes always open?

Ans - The violet & golden amber eyes are the designs on the peacock's tail. The speaker says that these eyes are always open

because there are no eyelids on these 'eyes' for them to close & it always seems like many eyes are watching us.

b. How does the peacock 'blink' its tail? what happens to the eyes when it does so?

Ans - The shaking of the feathers is compared to the blinking of eyes as the eyes on the feathers ~~not~~ blink any other way but by the shaking of the feathers. The eyes seem to blink when it does so.