

William Wordsworth

English Poem CBSE Board Class 3rd

See the kitten on the wall,
Sporting with the leaves that fall,
Withered leaves, one, two, and three
Falling from the elder-tree,
Through the calm and frosty air
Of the morning bright and fair.
See the kitten, how she starts,
Crouches, stretches, paws and darts;
With a tiger-leap half way
Now she meets her coming prey.
Lets it go as fast and then
Has it in her power again.
Now she works with three and four,
Like an Indian conjuror;
Quick as he in feats of art;
Gracefully she plays her part;
Yet were gazing thousands there,

What would little Tabby care?

Summary:

In this poem, 'The Kitten at Play,' the poet William Wordsworth describes about the kitten which is taking preparation to prey. The poet calls us to see the activities of the kitten before prey. The kitten was playing on the wall with the falling leaves. In the bright and fair morning, these leaves fall from the elder tree. The kitten bend down, stretch and goes half-way with a tiger-leap. When she comes near to her prey, she runs fast and jump on her prey. She elegantly plays her part like an Indian magician. She does not care anyone, though thousands were gazing there

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Questions & Answers of the Poem



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Difficult Words:

1. Sporting: **Playing**
2. Withered: **dried**
3. Elder- tree: **a tree that grows to 15 meters, has a short trunk, few branches & small, purple- black, sour berries**
4. Frosty: **very cold**
5. Crouches: **bends close to the ground**
6. Stretches: **expands one's arms or body parts**

7. Paws: (here) feels or scrapes with paw or hoof
8. Darts: moves somewhere suddenly & quickly
9. Prey: an animal hunted for food
10. Conjuror: magician
11. Feats of art: (here) skills
12. gracefully: with style
13. gazing: starting

Q. 1. Answer the following questions:

1. What is this video about?

Ans: This video is about playful kittens.

2. What are the kittens doing in the video?

Ans: The kittens are playing with different objects.

3. With which objects are the kittens playing?

Ans: The kittens are playing with balls, toys, toothbrushes, etc in the video.

Match the words with its meaning:

'A'	Answers
a) Tabby	A domestic cat that has a coat with trips/dots/lines/swirls, usually together with a mark resembling an 'M' on its forehead.
b) power	The ability to do something
c) Calm	quiet, peaceful, pleasant, free from wind
d) leap	To jump a long way

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Look at the picture and guess the homophones.



Fair



Fare



Way



Weigh



Prey



Pray

Poem Analysis

Title of the poem: Kitten at play

Written by: William Wordsworth

Feeling

1. How does the poem make you feel?

Ans:

- i. Happy
- ii. Sad
- iii. Excited
- iv. Nervous

Word Choice

2. What did you notice about the words that poet has chose?

i. Are there many action words?

Ans: Sporting, crouches, stretches, darts, calm

ii. Are there any Repetitive words?

Ans: kitten

Rhyming Words

Wall	Fall
three	Tree
Air	Fare
Starts	Darts
Way	Prey
Then	Again
Conjurer	Four
art	Part
there	Care

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