

1.3 Trees are The Kindest Things I Know...

Warming UP!

(1) What gifts do trees give to mankind?

Ans: The trees give to mankind many gifts like fruits, flowers, Wood, shade and most important things Oxygen.

(2)

(A) Name two parts of a tree that begin with.

B	Branch Bark
F	Fruit Flower
T	Twing Trunk

(B) In most countries in the Northern Hemisphere, there are four seasons : Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Try to guess what is the season in the months given below.

(1) March/April/May

Spring

(2) June/July/August

Summer

(3) September/October/November

Autumn

(4) December/January/February

Winter

(3) An artist paints pictures using colours. A poet/writer can also paint pictures in your mind / imagination by using descriptive phrases.

For example, blue sky, soft white clouds, floating clouds etc. Write down four such phrases which describe anything beautiful in Nature.

- (1) Colourful rainbow
- (2) Falling rain
- (3) Floating moon
- (4) Shining rays

MARGIN QUESTIONS

1) How do trees serve birds and animals?

Ans: Trees provide shade to animals and a place for birds to make their nests.

2) What do trees offer human being?

Ans: Trees offer fruit, leaves and wood to make human houses.

3) Which part of the trees glow first at sunrise?

Ans: Green buds glow first at sunrise.

4) What do trees do for small kids?

Ans: Trees sung lullaby by the sound of their leaves to make the child sleep.

5) Why does the poet call trees as 'kindest things'?

Ans: Because the trees grow peacefully without harming other

English Workshop

1. Pick from the poem words that rhyme with the following words.

- (a) fun - begun sun
- (b) no - know grow
- (c) now - cow bough
- (d) sight - light night
- (e) fly - sky lullaby

2. Pick from the poem lines that create a picture in your mind.

- (a) And in the spring, new buds of green.
- (b) When a moon floats on the sky.
- (c) And gather birds among their boughs.
- (d) They are the first when day's begun.

(e) They are the last to hold the light.

3. The poet refers to trees as the 'Kindest Things'. From the poem pick out 5 facts which prove the kindness of trees towards others.

(1) Trees spread a shade for sleepy cows.

(2) They give us fruit.

(3) Birds gather among trees boughs.

(4) Trees do not harm.

(5) Trees give wood to build houses.

4. Find words that describe the following.

(1) sleepy cows

(2) green new buds

(3) morning sun

(4) drowsy lullaby

(5) kindest trees

5. Pick out lines that mean the following.

(1) Trees provide shelter for animals:

And spread a shade for sleepy cows.

(2) Trees provide food for all:

They give us fruit, in leaves above

(3) Trees are most lovable:

Trees are the kindest things.

(4) Kids love to listen to songs from trees:

They hum a drowsy lullaby.

(5) Trees live a simple life:

They do no harm, they simply grow.

6. Think and write in your own words.

(1) What living things can cause harm to one another?

Name any five.

Ans: Living things that can cause harm to one another are animals, humans, elements of nature, insects and aquatic animals.

(2) Why are trees called harmless?

Ans: Because they do not harm anyone. They help other living beings in all the ways they can.

(3) Hallowe'en is a festival celebrated in many western countries on 31st October. What is the season there? Why do you think is there a need to burn leaves on Hallowe'en?

Ans: Hallowe'en is celebrated during pre-fall season. These marks the end of harvest season and beginning of winter. They burn leaves because people believe when bonfires are lit their flames and smoke have protective and cleansing powers and are also used for divination.

(4) 'They are the last to hold the light, when evening changes into night'. Which part of the day is referred to in the above lines? Which part of the trees hold the last light of the day?

Ans: That part of the day when sun sets down which is the beginning of the night is referred to in the line. Leaves are the ones which hold the first ray of light and also the last ray of light from the sun.

APPRECIATION OF THE POEM

- 1. Name of the poem: Trees Are The Kindest Things I Know**
- 2. Poet: Harry Behn**
- 3. Stanzas: The poem has eight stanzas. Each stanza has two lines.**
- 4. Rhyme Scheme: aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, ff, gg, hh.**
- 5. Figure of Speech: Personification, Alliteration.**

