

Comprehension

C. 1 Give opposites.

- (1) louder x softer
- (2) faster x slower
- (3) broad x narrow
- (4) deep x shallow
- (5) wider x narrower

C. 2 Add a rhyming word.

- (1) dancing, glancing, **prancing**
- (2) leaping, sweeping, **reaping**
- (3) motion, ocean, **commotion**
- (4) arrow, narrow, **borrow**
- (5) time, prime, **lime**

C. 3 Answer the questions.

1. What is the destination of the river?

- The ocean is the destination of the river.

2. Why does the poet compare the river with a child in the first stanza?

- The poet feels that like a playful child, the river sparkles bright as it flows, dances over the pebbles glances through flowers and foliage.



3. Describe the movement of the river.

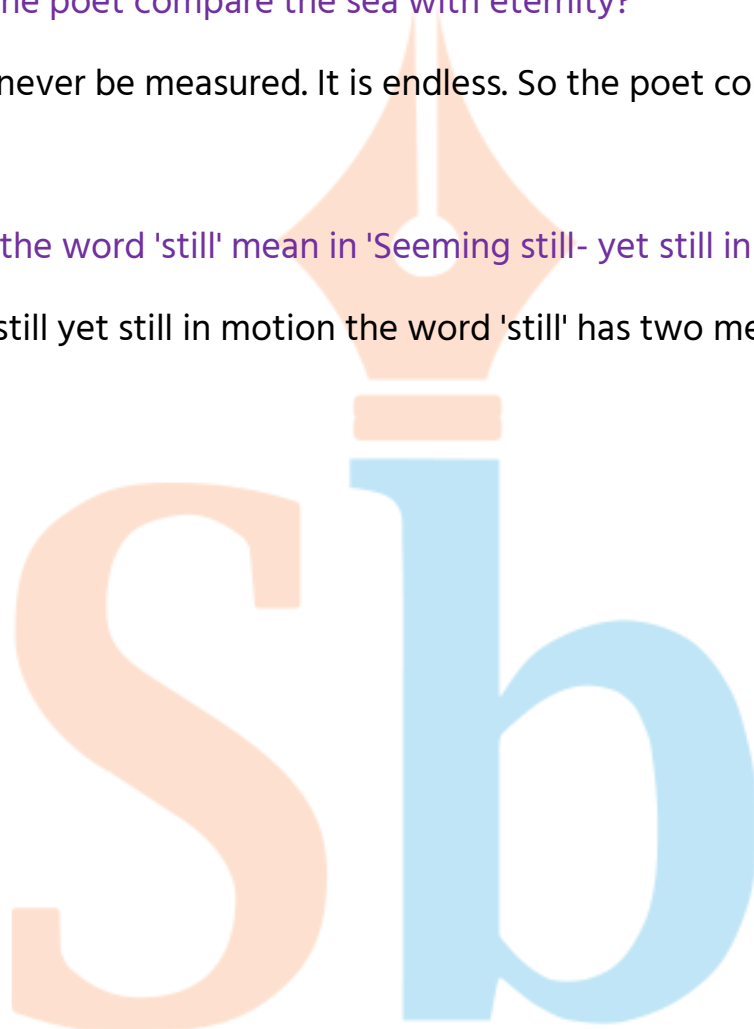
- The river swells and rushes on louder and faster. It is brawling and leaping over the rocks. It is sweeping by the rose-banks like careless youth.

4. Why does the poet compare the sea with eternity?

- The sea can never be measured. It is endless. So the poet compares it.

5. What does the word 'still' mean in 'Seeming still- yet still in motion'?

- In 'Seeming still yet still in motion' the word 'still' has two meanings!



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C. 1 State whether the statements are true or false.

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| 1. The poem is about farm life and the countryside. - | True |
| 2. The village life is unpleasant. - | False |
| 3. The farmers in countryside are unhappy with the hardships in farming. . | False |
| 4. Ploughing is an act of satisfaction for farmers. . - | True |

C. 2 Answer the questions in brief.

1. How long do the farmers work in their fields?

- The farmers work from early morning to evening in their fields

2. How does the poet describe the country life in the poem?

- According to the poet, country life is sweet. It is neither too hot nor too cold. The air is pleasant and clean. Fields are filled with crops and there are trees and flowers all around.

3. What makes the morning pleasant for the farmers?

- The sweet singing of the birds in the trees makes the morning pleasant for the farmers.

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C. 1 Tick mark the nearest meaning.

1. There is something for all of us here.

(a) Everybody has a scope to become something.

(b) If we become something, we get something.

(c) God has reserved some space for us here in this world.

2. And the task we must do is the near.

(a) It is certain that we must become something.

(b) We must do something in our neighbouring area.

(c) Decide what we should do or become at the earliest.

3. Be the best whatever you are.

(a) We should do our work in the best possible manner.

(b) Put in your best. Don't feel ashamed even if you are a small person.

Just do the best.

(c) We should be the best amongst all.

C. 2 Fill in the table using the words I expressions from the poem.

You cannot become	You can become	Big sized thing(s)	Small sized thing(s)
a pine on the hill	a small plant by the hill side	a pine tree	a small plant
a tree	a bush	a tree	a bush
a bush	bit of grass	a bush	a bit of grass
Muskie	a bass	a muskie	a bass



a highway	a trail	a highway	a trail
The sun	a star	a star	a star

C. 3 Answer these questions.

1. What advice does the poet give to people in the first stanza of the poem?

In the first stanza of the poem, the poet advises the people to be the best at whatever they do.

2. Why does the poet say "We can't all be captains"?

The poet says 'We can't all be captains' because all of us will not get big work to do. Some work is big and some work is small. But we have to do the work given to us. There is something to do for all of us.

3. What, according to the poet, decides our victory or failure?

According to the poet, our victory or failure is decided by how hard we have worked to be the best.

4. What is the message of the poem?

The message of the poem is: Whatever you do, be the best. It does not matter how big or small your work is. Your victory or failure is not decided by the size of your work, but by how hard you have worked to be the best.

5. Who, according to you, is a best person? Discuss.

According to me, the best person is the one who works hard to be the best at whatever work he gets. He does not worry whether his work is big or small, but he is the best

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Answer these questions.

1. What does the wind do?

➤ The wind wrinkles the water of the sea.

2. What did the poetess not know about the sun?

➤ The poetess did not know that the sun could splinter the whole sea.

3. How does the sea breathe?

➤ The sea breathes in and out upon a shore.

