

Chapter 2: How doth the little busy bee

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Write the meaning of :

- doth
- opening (in the context of the poem)
- cell

SOLUTION

- doth - **does**
- opening - **blooming**
- cell - **a small hexagonal compartment in a honeycomb**

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A parody is a playful, comic imitation of a writer's style. A parody is like a verbal cartoon. Compare the original poem and its parody given on page 35 using the following points:

How doth the little busy bee (original)	How doth the little crocodile (parody)
Choice of a subject (an animal)	
Number of lines and stanzas	
Same or similar constructions	
Tone of the poem	

SOLUTION

How doth the little busy bee	How doth the little crocodile
original	Parody
• Choice of a subject (an animal)	



Bee	Crocodile
• Number of lines and stanzas	
8 lines and 2 stanza	8 lines and 2 stanzas
• Same or similar constructions	
How doth the little... Improve each shining	How doth the little... Improve his shining
• Tone of the poem	
Motivating I Inspiring	Sarcastic

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Answer the following question and write in short, why the parody sound funny.
What does the bee stand for?

SOLUTION

The bee stands for hard-work and positivity.

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Answer the following questions and write in short, why the parody sounds funny.
What does the crocodile stand for?

SOLUTION

The crocodile stands for laziness, mischief, and negativity.

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Answer the following question and write in short, why the parody sounds funny.
Why does the bee work hour after hour?

SOLUTION

The bee works hour after hour to store the nectar that it collects from the flowers.

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Answer the following question and write in short, why the parody sounds funny.
Why does the crocodile work?

SOLUTION

The crocodile works only to fill its stomach.

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Answer the following question and write in short, why the parody sounds funny.
Is the bee a gentle creature? Is the crocodile gentle?



SOLUTION

The bee is a gentle creature. The crocodile is not gentle.

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Describe a crocodile in your own words.

SOLUTION

A crocodile is a large reptile. The crocodile to me looks very frightening, ferocious, and ugly. The scaly skin of the crocodile makes me feel very creepy. They have different colours which range from brown to grey. Some are greenish-brown in color. They have sharp teeth and claws. They have strong big jaws. They appear to be grinning because

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Which of the words and phrases in the poem will you use in a realistic description?

Put a tick mark against the ones you will use.

- little
- shining tail
- golden scale
- cheerful
- grin
- claws
- gently smiling
- jaws

SOLUTION

little	
shining tail	✓
golden scale	✓
cheerful	
grin	✓
claws	✓
gently smiling	



jaws	✓
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Note that most of the time well-known works are parodied, because people can enjoy the parody better when they know the original. Try to find more examples of parodies in English or other languages.

SOLUTION

Twinkle Twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are

Parody:

Twinkle Twinkle little bat
How I wonder what you're at

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What do you like better - the original poem or the parody? Why?

SOLUTION

I like the parody. I like the parody because it is funny, interesting and the best part is that it is very easy to memorize.

