

MEADOW SURPRISES (POEM)

Summary :

The poet advises people to have a keen eye and a sharp ear when they walk on a green field, a park or even under a clumb of trees and they will notice and hear many wonderful things.

If you look very keenly the meadows will have lot of surprises. The velvet grass can tell you something when you walk softly over them. The river will have something for you to listen

in the garden you might see a butterfly sitting on a butter cup unfolding its drinking straws to sip the sweet nectar.

You may see a rabbit who might be sitting still though you may not see it until it hops.

A dandelion which was golden yellow few days ago has turned into fuzzy head and when you blow air it flies like parachutes.

When you explore the meadow houses you might find burrows in the ground you might also observe a ants amazing mound and a nest built under tall grasses .

The poet again reinforces that meadows have many surprises and many things to tell you would discover only if you look carefully and listen well.

C. Speaking and Writing

1. Meadows hide secrets (True / Not True)

Ans. True

2. The grass in this meadow has grown tall (True / Not True)

Ans. True

3. What does the poet mean by the words "velvet grass"?

Ans. The smooth, shining lush green grass on the meadow.

4. What do butterflies do when they flutter down and sit on flowers?

Ans. The butterflies unfold their drinking straws to suck the nectar from the flowers.

5. What is a buttercup?

Ans. Buttercup is a plant with bright yellow cup shaped flowers.

6. Why did the rabbit hop?

Ans. The rabbit was sitting very still. When it was scared, it hopped to escaped from the danger.

7. Imagine you are sitting by a brook. Write two or three sentences about the sounds you hear.

Ans. I can hear birds chirping.

The sound made when someone throws a stone into water.

The soft sound of wind.

8. What are meadow houses?

Ans. Meadow houses are built by animals. Here it means the burrows, nest, beneath, the tall grasses, and ant's amazing mound.

9. What is a dandelion?

Ans. Dandelion is a weed with large bright yellow flowers followed by rounded heads of seeds with downy tufts. These tufts when dry which can be easily carried away by wind.

10. How does a meadow tell its secrets?
(stanza 6)

Ans. We can discover its secrets if we look carefully and listen well.