

Winter Wonderland

Crisp underfoot, my feet sink down deep,
As the white fluffy snow caves in.
A crunch and a slip as I steady my grip,
Let the wintry fun begin!

Icicles hang from the buildings above,
Shining and gleaming like glass.
Watery chimes that are frozen in time,
Reflecting the sun as I pass.

Bushes and plants with a powdery coat,
Shed puffs as a robin flies by.
A flurry of snow hits the garden below,
As the robin looks on from up high.

Snow starts to float through
the bitter grey sky,
A twirl as the lacy flakes fall.
Meeting by chance for a fluttering dance,
In a splendour of shapes big and small.


I look to the river that's frozen on top,
The slippery ice stops the flow.
A crack and a creak in the silence so bleak,
Send a warning of danger below.



The laughter of children is soft in the air
As snowballs exchange between friends.
A snowman to make, a carrot to take,
And a wish that the fun never ends.

My nose is now red, my fingers are numb,
Jack Frost has been spreading his cold.
So home I will head, to my warm cosy bed,
And the fire, a sight to behold.



Steps to Success

Date	<u>Monday 25th January</u>
Subject/s	<u>English - Reading</u>
Learning Objective 	I can answer questions based on a text

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Success Criteria 	I can use words from the question to start my answer	
	I can retrieve information directly from the text	
	I can refer to the text to justify my opinion	
	I can look at the marks available to know how many points are needed in my answer	
Support	Independent Adult Support ()	

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1. Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'splendour'
Magnificence
Disappointment
Cheerful

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2. In verse 1, how do you know that the snow is fresh and has not been walked on yet? (1)
3. Find and copy an example of a simile. (1)
4. In verse 4, what are the snowflakes compared to? Why do you think the poet chose to make this comparison? (2)

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5. Where could the robin be at the end of verse 3? Explain your answer. (2)
6. What is the 'danger below' in verse 5? (1)
7. In verse 7, what is the double meaning of, 'Jack Frost had been spreading his cold'? (1)

Answers

1. Magnificence
2. The snow is described as crisp and it describes how 'feet sink down' and 'snow caves in' which suggests it hasn't been walked on yet.
3. Examples of similes include, 'Icicles hang from buildings above, shining and gleaming like glass.'
4. Snowflakes are compared to lace in the line 'A twirl as the lacy flakes fall.' The poet chose this comparison because lace and snowflakes are usually white, delicate and have intricate patterns in them. It emphasises how delicate snowflakes are.
5. The robin is up high so could be on a roof or in a tree.
6. The danger below is the freezing cold water under the frozen top of the river. The person could fall in if the ice, which is cracking, broke.
7. Nature has been personified as Jack Frost, which has made it possible to use the phrase, 'spreading a cold' used by people spreading germs. The double meaning is spreading cold as in putting ice and frost on areas and also spreading a cold as in germs.