

GRADE 7

# Strong reading skills are the foundation learning!

Is your child struggling with reading comprehension, fluency, or vocabulary?

Brighterly's expert reading tutors make lessons fun, personalized, and effective - whether your child is just starting out or ready to level up their literacy skills.

From phonics to reading confidence, we're here to help your child love reading - and get better at it every day.



## Why Learn with Brighterly? ✨



Assessment-Based Learning




Custom Curriculum



Homework Support



Engaging Platform

-  **Read each poem and then answer the following questions. Explain your answer using textual evidence.**

**Poem 1:**

**I Wandered Alone**

By Emily Dickinson

I wandered alone through fields of gold,  
Where silence spoke, its stories untold.  
The wind it whispered softly to me,  
The song of life, the wild and free.  
I paused and gazed at the setting sun,  
Wondering where my path had begun.  
And yet, the night grew dark and cold,  
With dreams of stories still left untold.

**Q1: What is this poem about?**

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**Q2: What is the speaker's tone?**

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**Poem 2:**

**The Sea's Secret**

By Langston Hughes

The sea, oh the sea, with its endless blue,  
Tells no secrets, yet gives so much to you.  
It swells and roars in the quiet night,  
But holds its truths just out of sight.  
The waves will crash upon the shore,  
Yet the sea's whispers ask for more.  
Come, listen close and you will know,  
The sea's secret is what it doesn't show.

**Q3: What is this poem about?**

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**Q4: What is the speaker's tone?**

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**Poem 3:**

**Quiet Streets**

By Sara Teasdale

In the quiet of these empty streets,  
Where shadows fall and silence meets,  
I walk alone and think of days,  
When laughter filled these empty bays.  
Now only echoes fill the air,  
Of moments lost, of times we shared.  
But in the stillness, I find peace,  
For in solitude, my thoughts increase.

**Q5: What is this poem about?**

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**Q6: What is the speaker's tone?**

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**Poem 4:**

**The Mountain's Voice**

By Robert Frost

The mountain calls to those who climb,  
Its voice is lost in endless time.  
With each step higher, the world seems small,  
Yet at the peak, we hear its call.  
The wind it speaks in ancient ways,  
Telling tales of forgotten days.  
But when we reach the highest height,  
The mountain's voice is lost from sight.

**Q7: What is this poem about?**

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**Q8: What is the speaker's tone?**

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**Poem 5:**

**A Moment's Grace**

By Mary Oliver

A moment's grace, so sweet, so kind,  
Is found in the spaces of the mind.  
The gentle breeze upon the trees,  
The song of birds, the dance of leaves.  
I breathe it in, this fleeting time,  
A second's peace, a perfect rhyme.  
For life is short, but oh so sweet,  
When moments like this we get to meet.

**Q9: What is this poem about?**

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**Q10: What is the speaker's tone?**

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# ✓ Right Answers



 **Read each poem and then answer the following questions. Explain your answer using textual evidence.**

(Sentence constructions may vary but the thought must be the same)

**Poem 1:**

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**Q1: What is this poem about?**

This poem is about the speaker's solitary journey through nature, reflecting on life's mysteries and the passage of time. The speaker experiences the beauty of the natural world but is left with unanswered questions and a sense of melancholy as night falls.

**Q2: What is the speaker's tone?**

The tone is reflective and wistful. The speaker says, "I paused and gazed at the setting sun, / Wondering where my path had begun," showing a sense of contemplation and longing for answers. The phrase "the night grew dark and cold" also adds a somber mood.



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Yet the sea's whispers ask for more.  
Come, listen close and you will know,  
The sea's secret is what it doesn't show.

**Q3: What is this poem about?**

This poem is about the sea, which holds its mysteries and secrets while offering so much to those who observe it. The speaker suggests that the sea has hidden truths that are not immediately visible but can be sensed or felt by those who listen closely.

**Q4: What is the speaker's tone?**

The tone is mysterious and inviting. The lines "The sea's whispers ask for more" and "The sea's secret is what it doesn't show" suggest a sense of allure, as though the sea has deeper meanings and secrets that it keeps hidden from the observer.

**Poem 3:****Quiet Streets**

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Where shadows fall and silence meets,  
I walk alone and think of days,  
When laughter filled these empty bays.  
Now only echoes fill the air,  
Of moments lost, of times we shared.  
But in the stillness, I find peace,  
For in solitude, my thoughts increase.

**Q5: What is this poem about?**

This poem reflects on the quiet and solitude of empty streets,  
remembering the past when these streets were full of life and laughter.  
The speaker feels a sense of peace in the stillness, despite the loss of  
those joyful moments.

**Q6: What is the speaker's tone?**

The tone is melancholic yet peaceful. The speaker reflects on the past  
with phrases like "When laughter filled these empty bays" and "Moments  
lost, of times we shared," evoking a sense of loss. However, the line "But in  
the stillness, I find peace" suggests a calm acceptance and introspection.



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The mountain's voice is lost from sight.

**Q7:** What is this poem about?

This poem is about the mountain's call to those who seek it, its ancient wisdom, and the elusive nature of its voice. The speaker describes the journey upward and the lost connection with the mountain's voice once the peak is reached.

**Q8:** What is the speaker's tone?

The tone is awe-struck and contemplative. The speaker describes the mountain's voice as "lost in endless time" and "in ancient ways," showing reverence for its history and wisdom. The line "But when we reach the highest height, / The mountain's voice is lost from sight" suggests a sense of mystery and the idea that some things are beyond human reach.



**Poem 5:****A Moment's Grace**

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For life is short, but oh so sweet,  
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**Q9: What is this poem about?**

This poem is about the fleeting beauty of small moments of peace and grace found in nature. The speaker describes how these brief, tranquil moments—such as the breeze, birdsong, and the movement of leaves—bring joy and perspective, reminding us of life's sweetness.

**Q10: What is the speaker's tone?**

The tone is serene and appreciative. The speaker expresses gratitude for "A moment's grace, so sweet, so kind," and "For life is short, but oh so sweet," suggesting a sense of thankfulness and mindfulness in appreciating life's simple pleasures.