



MEADOW SURPRISES

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NCERT EXERCISE SOLUTIONS

Working with the Poem (NCERT Page 138)

Question 1:

Read the lines in which the following phrases occur. Then discuss with your partner the meaning of each phrase in its context.

- (i) velvet grass
- (ii) drinking straws
- (iii) meadow houses
- (iv) amazing mound
- (v) fuzzy head

Answer:

(i) 'Walk softly through the velvet grass'. The velvet grass means soft grass that almost feels like fur or velvet.

(ii) 'And unfold its drinking straws'. Drinking straws refers to the act wherein butterflies are sipping nectar from the flowers with the straws.

(iii) 'Explore the meadow houses'. Meadow houses are a reference to several houses of the insects, birds, and animals that live in the meadows. These houses are burrows, nests, and mounds.

(iv) 'The ant's amazing mound'. The amazing mound is a reference to the hill created by the ants as their dwelling place.

(v) 'A dandelion whose fuzzy head'. Fuzzy head refers to the heads of the bright yellow flowers which have a beautiful texture.

Question 2:

Which line in the poem suggests that you need a keen eye and a sharp ear to enjoy a meadow? Read aloud the stanza that contains this line.

Answer:

The lines that suggest that we need a keen eye and a sharp ear to enjoy a meadow are “You may discover these yourself, If you look and listen well.”

Question 3:

Find pictures of the kinds of birds, insects, and scenes mentioned in the poem.

Answer:

Do it yourself.

Question 4:

Watch a tree or a plant, or walk across a field or park at the same time every day for a week. Keep a diary of what you see and hear. At the end of the week, write a short paragraph or a poem about your experiences. Put your writing up on the class bulletin board.

Answer:

Do it yourself.

