



THE SHED

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NCERT EXERCISE SOLUTIONS

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Question 1:

Answer the following questions.

(i) Who is the speaker in the poem?

Answer:

It is not very clear who the speaker in the poem is.

(ii) Is she/he afraid or curious or both?

Answer:

The speaker is both curious as well as afraid to go inside the shed.

(iii) What is she/he planning to do soon?

Answer:

He/She plans to go inside the shed after some day soon.

(iv) “But not just yet...” suggests doubt, fear, hesitation, laziness or something else.

Choose the word which seems right to you. Tell others why you chose it.

Answer:

“But not just yet..” seems to suggest lack of preparation. The speaker wants to be completely certain of his/her decision to go inside the shed, He/She wants to prepare himself/herself for this endeavour. He/She has already overcome his/her fears, so there is no fear. However, waiting for the right time could be a reason for postponing the act.

Question 2:

Is there a room in your house or a house in your neighbourhood/locality where you would rather not go alone and never at night? If there is such a place and a story to go with it, let others hear all about it.**

Answer:

There is a store room in the backyard of the house. It is a little away from the main structure. It is full of odd objects and not even lit properly. Thus going to the store room at night, calls for a lot of courage. My mother once asked me to fetch certain things from the store room. When I entered the room, I felt as if I saw the movement of shadows. I screamed with terror but later I got to know that those shadows were rats who had found refuge in the shed.

