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Find Out

1. What laburnum is called in your language.

Answer: In hindi, it is called 'Amaltaas'.

2. Which local bird is like the goldfinch.

Answer: 'Indian Lutino Ringneck' is local bird like the goldfinch.

Think It Out

1. What do you notice about the beginning and the ending of the poem?

Answer: In the beginning of the poem the tree is calm & silent & in the ending it ends with motionless & empty level.

2. To what is the bird's movement compared? What is the basis for the comparison?

Answer: The goldfinch's movement is compared to that of a lizard. The basis of the comparison is the sleek, abrupt and alert movements of a lizard. The same kinds of movements are observed when the goldfinch arrives on the laburnum tree.

3. Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet?

Answer: The engine is the source of energy to run machine. It is compared to bird as she is too a source of energy for her family. As without engine a machine can't work in the same without a bird her family can't survive.

4. What do you like most about the poem?

Answer: I like the simplicity and pictorial presentation of the poem. The comparison between bird's movement with machine and Lizard made in nice way. Also chirruping & trilling of goldfinch.

5. What does the phrase "her barred face identity mask" mean?

Answer: The phrase means that the bird's barred or covered face becomes her identity mask recognition.

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