

Grade 8
Reading - Poetry

"The Whispering Wind"

Upon a verdant hill so high, Where the world seems to touch the sky, The whispering wind would always pass, Through blades of grass and shimmering glass.

A lone tree stood, branches wide and free, A sentinel of time, for all to see. Its roots dug deep, its leaves soared high, Dancing with the wind, under the vast sky.

Beneath its shade, a brook did flow, Glistening and twinkling, in the sun's soft glow. Fish leapt with joy, birds sang with glee, As the whispering wind carried tales of the sea.

A girl named Lila, with hair of gold, Would often visit, stories to be told. She'd sit and listen, as the wind did speak, Of ancient lands, and mountains peak.

One day the wind shared a secret, profound, Of a hidden treasure, waiting to be found. "It lies where shadows and sunlight blend, Follow your heart, and you'll find it in the end."

With dreams of adventure, Lila set forth, Guided by the wind, she traveled north. Through forests and valleys, over rivers wide, With the whispering wind always by her side.

In a meadow, where flowers bloom so bright, Lila found the treasure, bathed in soft light. It wasn't gold, nor jewels so fine, But a book of wisdom, from another time.

She read each page, and soon realized, The true treasure was the journey, not the prize. For in seeking, we find our true worth, And discover the magic that's in this Earth.

Now, back on the hill, where the story began, Lila shares tales, with every woman and man. The whispering wind, her eternal friend, Their voices together, in a never-ending blend.

1. Where does the world seem to touch the sky?

- A. In the valley
- B. Upon a verdant hill
- C. Near the brook
- D. In Lila's village

2. The lone tree is described as:

- A. An ancient mystery
- B. A silent witness
- C. A sentinel of time
- D. The guardian of the brook

3. What did the whispering wind carry tales of?

- A. Mountains
- B. The lone tree
- C. The sea
- D. Hidden treasures

4. Lila's hair was:

- A. Silver
- B. Black
- C. Brown
- D. Gold

5. What profound secret did the wind share with Lila?
- A. A hidden enemy
 - B. A love story
 - C. A hidden treasure
 - D. A magical spell
6. The true treasure was:
- A. A box of gold
 - B. A magical ring
 - C. A book of wisdom
 - D. A map to another treasure
7. Why did Lila consider the journey more valuable than the prize?
- A. She couldn't sell the book
 - B. She made friends along the way
 - C. She realized wisdom was more important than gold
 - D. She didn't find what she was looking for
8. Where did Lila find the treasure?
- A. In a dark cave
 - B. On top of a mountain
 - C. In a meadow
 - D. Under the lone tree

9. Who visits the hill where the story began?

- A. Lila's family
- B. Every woman and man
- C. Only children
- D. Adventurers seeking treasure

10. The voices of Lila and the wind together create:

- A. A disturbing noise
- B. A sad song
- C. A joyful chorus
- D. A never-ending blend

Answers:

- 1) Answer: B. Upon a verdant hill Explanation: The poem mentions "Upon a verdant hill so high, Where the world seems to touch the sky."
- 2) Answer: C. A sentinel of time Explanation: The poem says "A lone tree stood, branches wide and free, A sentinel of time, for all to see."
- 3) Answer: C. The sea Explanation: The poem says "the whispering wind carried tales of the sea."
- 4) Answer: D. Gold Explanation: The poem mentions "A girl named Lila, with hair of gold."
- 5) Answer: C. A hidden treasure Explanation: The poem says "One day the wind shared a secret, profound, Of a hidden treasure, waiting to be found."
- 6) Answer: C. A book of wisdom Explanation: The poem describes the treasure Lila found as "a book of wisdom, from another time."
- 7) Answer: C. She realized wisdom was more important than gold Explanation: The poem says "She read each page, and soon realized, The true treasure was the journey, not the prize."
- 8) Answer: C. In a meadow Explanation: The poem says "In a meadow, where flowers bloom so bright, Lila found the treasure."
- 9) Answer: B. Every woman and man Explanation: The poem says "Lila shares tales, with every woman and man."
- 10) Answer: D. A never-ending blend Explanation: The poem says "Their voices together, in a never-ending blend."