

**Grade 7**  
**Reading - Poetry**

**"The Whispering Woods"**

In the heart of a dense, ancient wood, Where the sun barely shone and the tall trees stood, There was a mystical whisper, soft and light, Echoing secrets from morning till night.

The animals listened, ears perked high, To stories of the earth, the sea, and the sky. Tales of courage, of love, and of dreams, Of magical places and shimmering streams.

The birds often sang, harmonizing the tune, With melodies that danced under the moon. The wind played a part, rustling the leaves, As it shared tales of grand mountains and coral reefs.

A squirrel, named Sam, curious and bold, Sought the source of these stories, these tales of old. Was it a spirit, a fairy, or a sage old tree? Whose voice spun tales of the deep blue sea?

Through thickets and thorns, he scurried along, Determined to find the source of the song. But what he found, to his great surprise, Wasn't a creature with sparkling eyes.

It was the forest itself, alive and profound, Its roots, its leaves, and the very ground. Every creature, every tree, every stone and brook, Held a piece of the story, if one just took a look.

Sam realized then, in that magical place, That stories surround us, in every space. The woods whispered tales, not of its own, But of every soul that it had ever known.

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Where is the setting of the poem?

- a. A modern city
- b. A beach by the sea
- c. An ancient wood
- d. A bustling market

2. Who was very curious about the source of the whispers?
  - a. The wind
  - b. The birds
  - c. A squirrel named Sam
  - d. The tall trees
3. What were the whispers telling?
  - a. Just random noises
  - b. Stories of the earth, the sea, and the sky
  - c. Directions to a treasure
  - d. Warnings of danger
4. Who harmonized with the whispered tales?
  - a. The animals
  - b. The stones
  - c. The wind
  - d. The birds
5. What played a part by rustling the leaves?
  - a. The birds
  - b. The wind
  - c. The animals
  - d. The squirrel
6. What did Sam expect to find as the source of the stories?
  - a. A magical book
  - b. Another squirrel
  - c. A creature with sparkling eyes
  - d. A singing bird

7. What was the actual source of the whispers?
- a. A fairy
  - b. The forest itself
  - c. An old tree
  - d. A hidden treasure
8. Which of these was NOT mentioned as a holder of stories?
- a. Birds
  - b. Rivers
  - c. Stones
  - d. Books
9. The poem suggests that stories are:
- a. Only in books and tales
  - b. Only in ancient woods
  - c. Everywhere around us
  - d. Just in our imagination
10. The mood of the poem can be described as:
- a. Sad and melancholic
  - b. Angry and tense
  - c. Mysterious and magical
  - d. Frustrated and confused

Answers:

- 1) C) An ancient wood. The poem begins with "In the heart of a dense, ancient wood," which establishes the setting.
- 2) C) A squirrel named Sam. The poem mentions, "A squirrel, named Sam, curious and bold."
- 3) B) Stories of the earth, the sea, and the sky. The second stanza mentions these as the contents of the whispers.
- 4) D) The birds. "The birds often sang, harmonizing the tune."
- 5) B) The wind. The stanza reads, "The wind played a part, rustling the leaves."
- 6) C) A creature with sparkling eyes. The poem says, "Wasn't a creature with sparkling eyes."
- 7) B) The forest itself. The line "It was the forest itself, alive and profound," reveals the source.
- 8) D) Books. The poem mentions creatures, trees, stones, and brooks as holding stories but not books.
- 9) C) Everywhere around us. Sam realizes "That stories surround us, in every space."
- 10) C) Mysterious and magical. The poem revolves around whispers, mysteries, and the magical feeling of the forest.