

# The Wind is Not Like You or Me

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The Wind is not like you or me.

In spring, when lambs skip through the fields,  
He slows and takes a drowsy yawn.  
He shakes the blossoms\* from the trees,  
And scatters them across the lawn.

In summer, when the children play,  
He shuts his eyes and takes a rest.  
He sometimes tosses in his bed,  
And sends a cool breeze from the west.

In autumn, when carved pumpkins glow,  
He blows and through the woods he weaves.  
He whistles greetings to the wild,  
And dances with the golden leaves.

In winter, when the hedgehogs doze,  
He howls and makes an awful sound.  
He growls at trees and chimney pots,  
And sometimes knocks them to the ground.

The Wind is not like you or me;  
He dreams of spring's and summer's end.  
He comes alive as nights grow long,  
And welcomes winter, his old friend.

## Glossary

**blossoms** — small flowers on a tree

# Fact Retrieval Questions



For **FACT RETRIEVAL** questions, you need to search through the poem and pick out key details. Look back and read the poem one more time, then have a go at these questions.

- 1) Read the verse that begins 'In spring...'  
What does the Wind scatter across the lawn?

Read the verse carefully.

leaves

pumpkins

blossoms

trees

Circle your answer.

1 mark

- 2) Read the verse that begins 'In summer...'  
Write down **two** things that the Wind does during summer.

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2 marks

- 3) Read the verse that begins 'In autumn...'  
What colour are the leaves?

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1 mark

- 4) Draw a line to match the animals to the action they do in the poem.

lambs

doze

hedgehogs

skip

1 mark

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# Inference Questions

*INFERENCE* questions are all about looking for clues to help you figure out what the poet is really saying. So it's time to stick on your detective hat and give these questions a go.

1) Read the verse that begins 'In summer...'  
This verse suggests that during summer

Think about the Wind's actions in this verse.

the children are tired

it's not very windy

it's cold in the east

it's breezy all the time

Circle your answer.

1 mark

2) Read the verse that begins 'In autumn...'  
How can you tell that the Wind enjoys autumn?

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1 mark

3) Read from 'He growls at trees...' to '...to the ground.'  
In these lines, the Wind seems

gentle

cold

silent

angry

Circle your answer.

1 mark

4) Read the last verse.  
Why is the Wind 'not like you or me'?

Think about whether people like the same seasons as the Wind.

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2 marks

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# Structure Question



Poems usually have a beginning, a middle and an end. **STRUCTURE** questions look at how these parts fit together. Read through the poem again and then give this question a go.

- 1) 'The Wind is not like you or me'  
Why do you think this line is repeated at the beginning and the end of the poem?

Think about why you might say something more than once.

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1 mark

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# Comparison Questions



For **COMPARISON** questions, you need to be able to pick out similarities and differences within the poem. Have a go at answering these questions to test your comparison skills.

- 1) Read the verse that begins 'In spring...'  
According to this verse, how do the animals behave differently to the Wind?

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2 marks

- 2) How is the Wind in summer different to the Wind in winter?

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2 marks

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