

English

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(Honeysuckle)(Poem)(Chapter – 9) (Whatif)
(Class – VI)

Working with the Poem

Question 1:

- (i) Who is the speaker in the poem?
- (ii) With your partner list out the happenings the speaker is worried about.
- (iii) Why do you think she/he has these worries? Can you think of ways to get rid of such worries?

Answer 1:

(i) The poetess (Shel Silverstein) is the speaker in this poem.

(ii) the speaker is worried about the following happenings:

- She becomes dumb.
- She fails in the exams.
- She get beaten up.
- The swimming pool is closed.
- Her parents get divorced.
- She is hit by lightning.
- She gets sick and dies.

(iii) Most of the worries are born out of baseless fears. With a strong will power, determination and the right positive attitude to life, we can get rid of such worries.

Question 2:

Read the following line.

Some Whatifs *crawled inside my ear*

Can words crawl into your ear? This is an image. The poet is trying to make an image of what she/he experiences. Now with your partner try and list out some more images from the poem.

Answer 2:

Our mind remains active throughout our life. It remains active even in the night. It is crowded with the things we see during the day and night, ideas we think and our imaginations. We all think in terms of words which create a picture or scene and enter our mind and ears.

Dreams are also action packed scenes. We talk, laugh, weep, shout, tremble with fear and travel at night during the sleep.

