

Practice Questions — Poem

Read this poem, then answer the questions below.

Something Told the Wild Geese



Something told the wild geese
It was time to go;
Though the fields lay golden
Something whispered, — 'snow'.

Leaves were green and stirring,
Berries, luster-glossed,
But beneath warm feathers
Something cautioned, — 'frost'.

All the sagging orchards
Steamed with amber spice,
But each wild breast stiffened
At remembered ice.

Something told the wild geese
It was time to fly —
Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.

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- 1 Find and copy a word that shows that the leaves were moving.

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- 2 Why are the geese leaving when the weather is still warm?

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They were too warm.

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They were forced to leave.

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They could tell that cold weather was coming.

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There was nothing for them to eat.

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- 3 Find and copy a word which shows that there is a lot of fruit in the orchards.

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- 4 How can you tell that the geese have experienced cold weather before?

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- 5 Find and copy two words which suggest that cold weather can be dangerous for geese.

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- 6 Look at the final verse. Find and copy a phrase that shows the poem takes place in summer.

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- 7 What is the overall message of the text?

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Geese like to travel.

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Geese know to leave before winter arrives.

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Geese are afraid of winter.

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Geese prefer warm climates.

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