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WORKSHEET - COMPREHENSION

Answer all the questions carefully before you submit your answers.



Trees are the kindest things I know,
They do no harm, they simply grow
And spread a shade for sleepy cows,
And gather birds among their bows.

They give us fruit in leaves above,
And wood to make our houses of,
And leaves to burn on Halloween
And in the Spring new buds of green.

They are first when day's begun
To touch the beams of morning sun,
They are the last to hold the light
When evening changes into night.

And when a moon floats on the sky
They hum a drowsy lullaby
Of sleepy children long ago...
Trees are the kindest things I know.

by Harry Behn

Question:

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1. What is the main idea of this poem?

2. What three uses of trees were mentioned in the poem?

3. According to the passage, when are the leaves burnt?

4. What happens to the trees in Spring?

5. What does the tree touch when day begins?

6. How many stanzas are in this poem?

7. What is the rhyme pattern in the stanzas of the poem?

Stanza 1- _____ Stanza 2- _____

Stanza 3 – _____ Stanza 4 – _____

8. According to the poem, which words rhyme with:

a. know – _____ Halloween – _____

b. begun – _____ night – _____

c. sky – _____

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9. How many syllables are there in each of the following lines:

a. And when a moon floats on the sky = _____

b. They hum a drowsy lullaby = _____

c. Of sleepy children long ago...= _____

d. Trees are the kindest things I know.= _____

10. Give this poem a title.

11. Match the meaning of the following words used in the poem.

SORT ELEMENTS:

sleepy

sprout

ray

branches

gentle song

boughs = _____

beams = _____

drowsy = _____

lullaby = _____

buds = _____

12. What does the poet mean by this line: “*And spread a shade for sleepy cows*”?

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Answer

1. What is the main idea of this poem? *Trees are the kindest thing.*
2. What three uses of trees were mentioned in the poem? *They give shade. They give wood and leaves. They give us fruits.*
3. According to the passage, when are the leaves burnt? *On Halloween*
4. What happens to the trees in Spring? *New buds grow on the branches.*
5. What does the tree touch when day begins? *Beams of morning sun.*
6. How many stanzas are in this poem? 4
7. What is the rhyme pattern in the stanzas of the poem?
Stanza 1- AAAA Stanza 2- BBCC
Stanza 3 – DDEE Stanza 4 – FFAA
8. According to the poem, which words rhyme with:
know – *grow, cows, bows* | Halloween – *green* | begun – *sun* | night – *night* | sky – *lullaby*
9. How many syllables are there in each of the following lines:
And when a moon floats on the sky = 8
They hum a drowsy lullaby = 8
Of sleepy children long ago... = 8
Trees are the kindest things I know. = 8
10. Give this poem a title. *Trees*
11. Match the meaning of the following words used in the poem.
boughs = branches | beams = ray | drowsy = sleepy | lullaby = gentle song | buds = sprouts
12. What does the poet mean by this line: “*And spread a shade for sleepy cows*”? *Cows sleep in the shade of the branches of trees.*