

PLAYTIME

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Words to know.

base - the starting place or goal in games; the main place for an organization.

beady - small, round and gleaming

captured - got hold of, or control of, something or someone, usually by force.

defeated - having been beaten in a battle or contest.

ferocious - savagely fierce, violent, wild.

lair - a place where a wild animal lives.

mission - an important task that someone is sent somewhere to do

munched - ate something steadily and loudly.

snoozing - napping, resting.

Comprehension

Classmate

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1. Answer these questions.
a. What game are the children playing?

Ans. The children were playing a game in which the poetess was a spy while her sister guarded the base.

b. What is 'the mission'?

Ans. The mission was to get gold (two apples from a big tree) from a secret place.

c. Who is the 'giant beast'?

Ans. The giant beast was the snoozing dad of the poetess.

d. What does the child compare the bushes and the wall to?

Ans. The child compared the bushes with twisted wire and the low wall with glowing warm like fire.

e. What is the 'safe place' or 'base'?

Ans. The 'safe place' was at a distance away from the 'base'. The 'base' was the starting place or goal in the game.

f. What is the 'dark lair'?

Ans. Here, the dark lair was the garden chair on which the poetess' father sat to guard the apple tree as a beast.

Q. What do the children do to celebrate their 'win'?

A. The children cheer and say 'Hip, Hip, Hurray!' to celebrate their 'win'.

2. Answer these questions about these lines from the poem.

I did not notice the beast's eye opening slowly (my dad could besty).

a. Who does not notice the beast?

A. The poetess did not notice the beast.

b. Who is the beast?

A. The poetess dad was the beast in the game.

c. What does the poet use to show us what is really happening?

Ans: The poet (poetess) has used the power of explanation to show us what was really happening.

d. What happens next?

A. Thereafter a hand took hold of her, grabbed at her shirt and made her yell.

Working with Words.

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1. Find rhyming words in the poem for the following.

- Ans. a. old - gold b. head - Shed
c. grew - flew d. east - beast
e. pie - bye f. call - all
g. losing - snoring h. dreamed - screamed

2. Match up the words that have similar meanings.

- Ans. Grabbed - captured
Snoozed - dozed
pretend - act
defeated - beaten
battle - fight

3. Match the following.

- | <u>A</u> | | <u>B</u> |
|-------------|----|---------------|
| a. as green | | snow (B) |
| b. as white | | a daisy (F) |
| c. as proud | | a needle (D) |
| d. as sharp | as | grass (A) |
| e. as old | | a peacock (C) |
| f. as fresh | | the hills (E) |