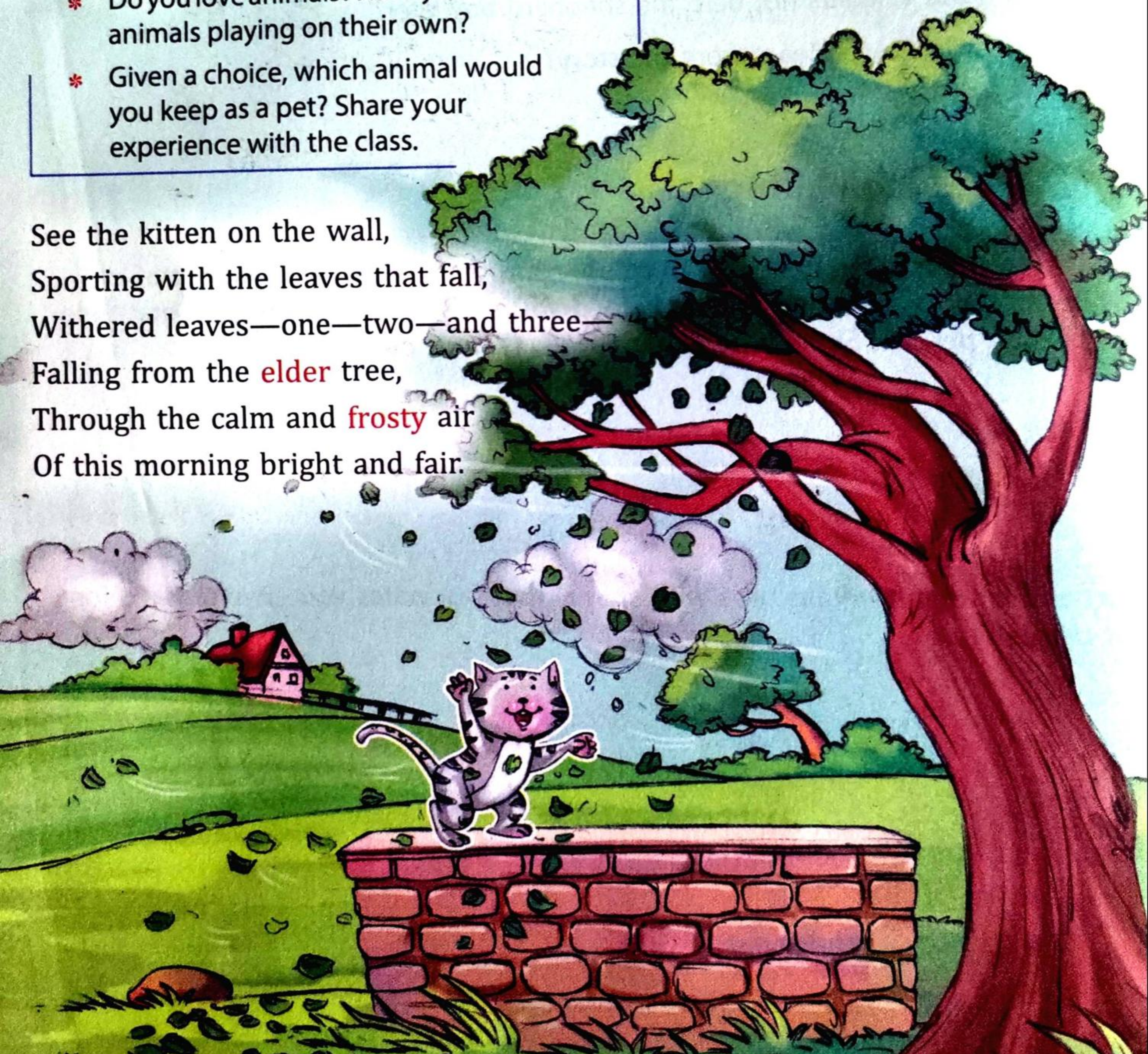


The Kitten at Play

Getting Started

- * Do you love animals? Have you observed animals playing on their own?
- * Given a choice, which animal would you keep as a pet? Share your experience with the class.

See the kitten on the wall,
Sporting with the leaves that fall,
Withered leaves—one—two—and three—
Falling from the **elder** tree,
Through the calm and **frosty** air
Of this morning bright and fair.



See the kitten, how she starts,
Crouches, stretches, paws, and darts!
First at one, and then its fellow,
Just as light and just as yellow.
With a tiger-leap half-way
Now she meets her coming prey,
Lets it go as fast, and then
Has it in her power again.

Now she works with three and four,
Like an Indian conjurer;
Quick as he in feats of art,
Far beyond in joy of heart.
Yet were gazing thousands there,
What would little Tabby care?

—William Wordsworth



About the Poet

William Wordsworth (1770–1850) is regarded as the greatest of the Romantic poets. He resided in the Lake District of England and his poetry is a reflection of his worship of Nature. Some of his famous poems are: The Solitary Reaper, We Are Seven, the Lucy Poems and Prelude.

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Summary of the Poem - The Kitten at Play

In this poem, 'The Kitten at Play', the poet William Wordsworth describes about the kitten which is taking preparation to prey. The poet calls us to see the activities of the kitten before prey. The kitten is playing on the wall with the falling leaves. In the bright and fair morning, these leaves fall from the elder tree. The kitten bends down, stretches and goes half-way with a tiger-leap. When she comes near to her prey, she runs fast and jumps on her prey. She elegantly plays her part like an Indian magician. She does not care anyone, though thousands were, gazing there.

Word Meanings -

elder - a small tree with white flowers in a cluster and ~~the~~ edible purple berries.

frosty - cold and chilly

starts - a sudden involuntary movement

crouches - bends down.

paws - feet of the cat.

prey - victim.

Indian conjurer - a magician from India who calls spirits.

feats - rare or difficult achievements.
(Here, tricks of the magician)

Pabby - a cat of a brownish or grey colour with streaks or spots.

Exercise.

A. State whether the statements are true or false.

1. The kitten is watching the leaves fall from the elder tree. False
2. The kitten can be seen on the wall. True
3. In order to meet her prey, the kitten jumps like a tiger. True

4. The kitten performs her feats in a graceful manner. True
5. Tabby is the name of the kitten in the poem. True
6. On that fair and bright morning, a calm and chilly breeze was blowing. True

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