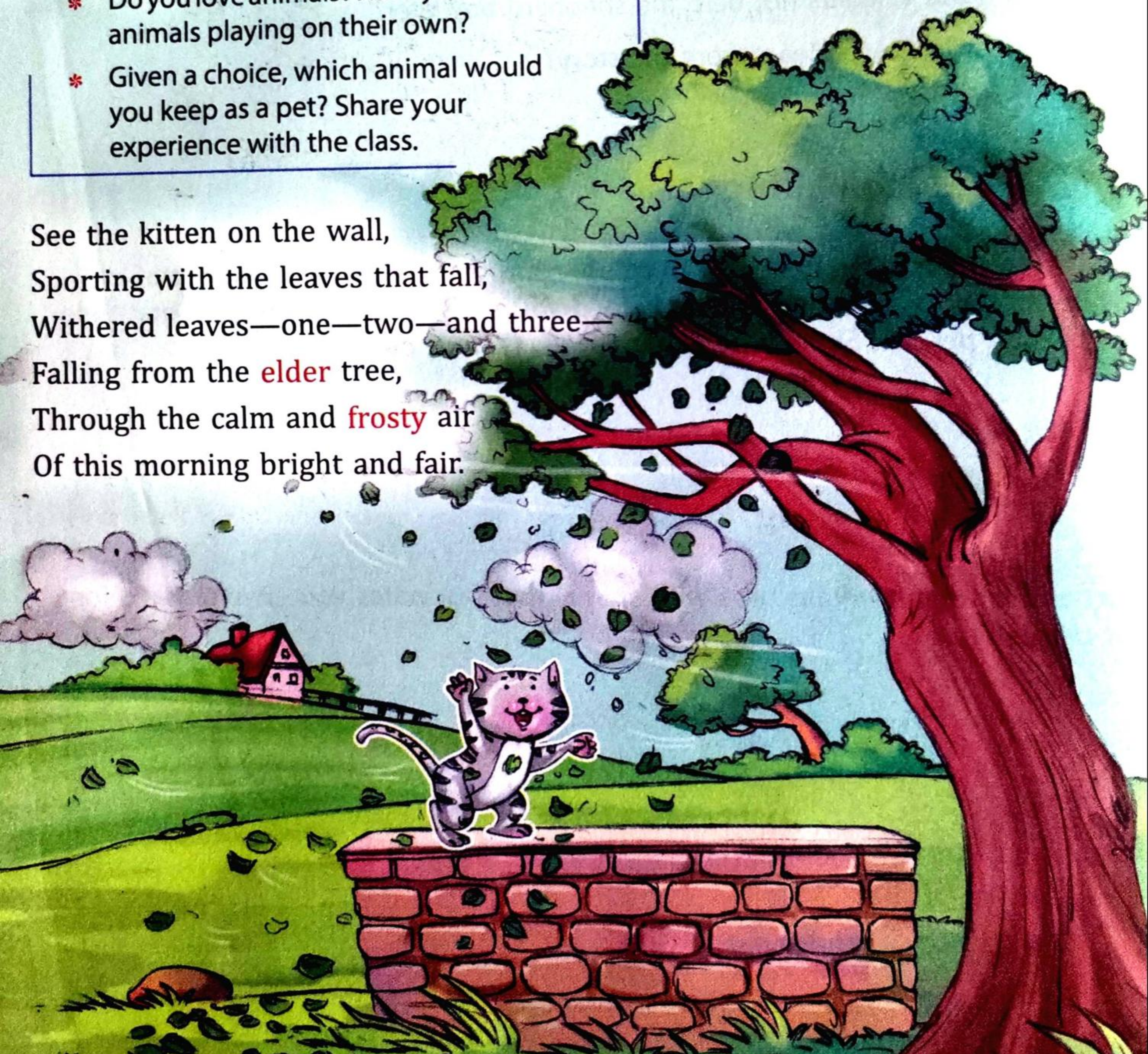


The Kitten at Play

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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The Kitten at Play

- William Wordsworth

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B. Answer the following questions.

1. What was the kitten doing with the leaves that fell from the tree?

→ The kitten was playing boisterously with the leaves that fell from the tree.

2. At which time of the year do you think the incident described in the poem is taking place?

→ The incident described in the poem is taking place in the beginning of the winter season as the leaves are falling from the tree in a ~~order~~

bright and fair morning when
calm and frosty air is
blowing.

3. What feats does she perform
to 'meet her coming prey'?

→ When the leaves from the elder tree
fall, she plays with the falling leaves.
She bends down, stretches herself,
makes a quick movement and
jumps on the leaves with a tiger-leap.
She elegantly plays her part like an
Indian magician.

In this way, she performs feats to
'meet her coming prey'. Here
'prey' denotes the falling leaves.

Homework

- i) Where is the kitten?
- ii) What is the kitten doing?
- iii) How is the environment described
in the poem?

[To be continued]

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[Answers will be provided to you in the
next English 1 class

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