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The Caterpillar Comprehension

Read 'The Caterpillar' by Christina Rossetti and then answer the questions.

1. What is the poem about?

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2. In the box below, draw a picture of the caterpillar. Use the poem to help you.



3. Is the caterpillar moving quickly or slowly? Which word tells you?

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4. Where is the caterpillar going?

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5. What does the word prey mean and what is its opposite? Who is the prey in this poem?

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6. Find and copy two adjectives in the poem.

7. Find and copy a word that means to catch sight of something or someone.

8. What rhyming pattern does the poem have?

9. Do you think the poet likes caterpillars? Explain your answer.

10. Do you like this poem? Why?



Answers

1. What is the poem about? **The poem is about a caterpillar looking for a safe place to pupate.**
2. In the box below, draw a picture of the caterpillar. **The picture of the caterpillar should be brown and furry.**
3. Is the caterpillar moving quickly or slowly? Which word tells you? **The caterpillar is moving quickly. The word 'hurry' tells you this.**
4. Where is the caterpillar going? **The caterpillar is looking for a safe, shady spot to make its chrysalis.**
5. What does the word prey mean and what is its opposite? Who is the prey in this poem? **Prey means an animal which is hunted for food. The opposite of prey is predator. The caterpillar is the prey as it could be eaten by a toad or a bird.**
6. Find and copy two adjectives in the poem. **Possible answers: brown, furry, shady, chosen, hovering**
7. Find and copy a word that means to catch sight of someone or something. **Spy**
8. What rhyming pattern does the poem have? **AA BB CC DD EE (rhyming couplets)**
9. Do you think the poet likes caterpillars? Explain your answer. **Yes, because she seems to hope that the caterpillar is not eaten by a toad or a bird.**
10. Do you like this poem? **This questions requires an individual response.**