

Literature

Ch-5 My Shadow

* Hard Words:

1. funniest
2. shoots
3. coward
4. dew
5. arrant
6. shadow
7. heels
8. notion
9. nursie
10. buttercup
11. India-rubber
12. sticks

* Word Meanings:

1. heels – the back part of the feet
2. India-rubber – old name of natural rubber
3. notion – idea
4. coward – a scared person
5. nursie – a nurse who takes care of little children
6. dew – a water droplet found on grass and flowers in the morning
7. buttercup – a type of flower
8. arrant – naughty

* Make Sentences:

1. heels – My heels are paining today as I walked 5 km.
2. coward – Sohan is a coward boy.
3. buttercup – My father brought a bouquet of buttercups.
4. arrant – Mohan is an arrant boy, he doesn't listen to anyone.

* Fill in the blanks:

1. Transparent objects are those through which light can pass.
2. Our body is non-transparent.
3. The shadow is formed in the direction opposite to the source of light.
4. The shadow sometimes shoots up taller like an India-rubber ball.
5. He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to play.

* Answer the following questions:

Q.1 What are the things that the poet compares the shadow to?

Ans.1 The poet compares the shadow to himself, proper children, an India-rubber ball, a coward, and an arrant sleepyhead.

Q.2 Does the shadow grow faster than proper children or slower?

Ans.2 The shadow grows much faster than proper children.

Q.3 In the past stanza, why do you think the shadow 'stayed home'?

Ans.3 The shadow is not formed without sunlight. When the poet comes out before sunrise, he does not find his shadow. He thinks that the shadow has 'stayed home'.

Q.4 Based on the poem, do you think the poet likes the shadow? Give reasons.

Ans.4 The poet may or may not like the shadow. But he is always eager to find his shadow inside or outside his home.