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WHAT A BIRD THOUGHT



The poem explores a young bird's changing perception of the world as it grows. Initially, while inside its egg, the bird believes the world is small, round, and made of a pale blue shell. After hatching, it sees the world as a nest made of straw, built by its mother. As it learns to fly, the bird assumes the world consists of green leaves. However, once it ventures beyond the tree, it realizes the world is much larger than it ever imagined. The poem highlights themes of growth, discovery, and the evolving understanding of one's surroundings.



WORD BANK:

WORD	MEANING
flutter	to fly unsteadily
pale	light in colour or shade
straw	dried stalks of grain
beyond	far from
nestled	to settle or lie comfortably within or against something

1. Write whether the following sentences are true or false.

a) The bird changed its house two times.

Ans. True.

b) The neighbours tell the bird about the world.

Ans. False

2. Read the following lines from the poem and answer the questions given below.

(a) I thought the world was made of straw, And nestled by my mother.

(i) Who lived in the nest along with the baby bird?

Ans. The mother bird lived in the nest.

(ii) Complete the following by choosing the correct option.

The bird thought the world was made of straw because _____.

Ans.



- a. It lived in a straw hut
- b. **its nest was made of straw**
- c. its mother fed straw to it
- d. there was straw all around

(iii) Which word tells us that the baby bird was warm and comfortable?

Ans. The word "nestled" tells us that the baby bird was warm and comfortable.

(b) I said the world is made of leaves, I have been very blind.

(i) Why did the bird think the world was made of leaves?

Ans. The bird thought the world was made of leaves because, upon leaving the nest, it began to explore its environment and noticed all the leaves surrounding it.

(ii) What does the set of words 'I said' mean?

Ans.

- a. flew
- b. shouted
- c. **spoke**
- d. cried



(iii) Fill in the blanks to complete the sentence.

The bird felt that it had been very blind because it could not ____ the leaves from ____ the nest.

Ans. The bird felt that it had been very blind because it could not see the leaves from inside the nest.

2. Why did the baby bird think that its first world was small, round and blue?

Ans. The baby bird thought its first world was small, round and blue because its experiences were confined to its immediate surroundings—its little house and the sky overhead. The term "pale blue shell" represents the sky, which appeared to create a sense of safety. This narrow viewpoint made the world seem small and enclosed, as the bird had not yet ventured beyond that familiar environment.

3. What quality did the bird say it had when it flew away?

Ans. The bird said it had the quality of courage when it flew away. This act of leaving its familiar surroundings demonstrates bravery in facing the unknown, as well as a willingness to learn and grow, despite the uncertainty of what lies ahead.

4. Who do you think were the bird's neighbours? Why do you think so? Discuss.

Ans. The bird's neighbours were likely other birds, insects, or small animals living in nearby trees or nests. This is inferred because they shared the same environment and could interact with each other. They also share a limited understanding of the world, as the bird mentions, "I don't know how the world is made, and neither do my neighbors!" This indicates that they, too, may have not yet explored or realized the vastness of their surroundings.

5. Find and list the rhyming words from the poem.

Ans.

Well- shell
other-mother
find-blind
labours- neighbours


