

# MEADOW SURPRISES

## [Working with the Poem]

**Question 1: Read the lines in which the following phrases occur. Then discuss with your partner the meaning of each phrase in its context.**

- (i) velvet grass
- (ii) drinking straws
- (iii) meadow houses
- (iv) amazing mound
- (v) fuzzy head

**Answer:**

- (i) This indicates that the grass is as soft as velvet.
- (ii) Drinking straws means the butterflies who drink the nectar from the flowers seem like they are drinking it with straws.
- (iii) Meadow houses refers to the houses of rabbit.
- (iv) Amazing mound means “A house of ants” the mounds created by the ants.
- (v) Fuzzy head indicates the flowers of the dandelion which floats in the air like a airy parachute when we blow it.

**Question 2: Which line in the poem suggests that you need a keen eye and a sharp ear to enjoy a meadow? Read aloud the stanza that contains this line.**

**Answer:** The line that suggests that you need a keen eye and a sharp ear to enjoy a meadow is:  
“You may discover these yourself, if you look and listen well.”

**Question 3: Find pictures of the kinds of birds, insects and scenes mentioned in the poem.**

**Answer:** (To be done by student)

**Question 4: Watch a tree or a plant, or walk across a field or park at the same time every day for a week. Keep a diary of what you see and hear. At the end of the week, write a short paragraph or a poem about your experiences. Put your writing up on the class bulletin board.**

**Answer:** (To be done by student)

**Question 5: Read the following poem about the world of nature, which is as busy as the world of human beings.**

**Answer:** (To be done by student)