TREES

Working with the Poem

Question 1. What are the games or human activities which use trees, or in which trees also 'participate'?

Answer: The games or human activities which use trees or in which trees also participate are:

- Children hide behind the trees while playing hide and seek.
- Adult make tree houses for their children to play.
- Adults have their tea parties under the trees.
- Children also use it as a scene, in their paint.

Question 2: (i) "Trees are to make no shade in winter." What does this mean? (Contrast this line with the line immediately before it.)

(ii) "Trees are for apples to grow on, or pears." Do you agree that one purpose of a tree is to have fruit on it? Or do you think this line is humorous?

Answer:

- (i) Trees provide shade during the peak summer. But during winter, trees shed their leaves to people enjoy sun during winters. Hence, trees are to make no shade in winter.
- (ii) Yes, I agree that one purpose of a tree is also to provide fruits and vegetables to eat. Humans receive a lot of these from trees.

Question 3: With the help of your partner, try to rewrite some lines in the poem, or add new ones of your own as in the following examples.

Trees are for birds to build nests in. Trees are for people to sit under.

Now try to compose a similar poem about water, or air.

Answer: Trees are for child to climb on. Trees are fruits to eat sitting on.