

Worksheet: Drawing Conclusions

Read the poem carefully then answer the questions.

Don't Worry, Be Happy

1. If I were a bird, I'd fly up high
above the clouds, up in the sky,
I'd float and sing and soar and play,
without any worries to ruin my day.
2. If I were a dolphin, I'd splash in the sea,
and dive and flip – what fun for me!
I'd play with friends under the sea so blue.
There'd be no chores or homework to do.
3. If I were a bear, I'd sleep all day.
And then wake up at night to play.
I'd fish and run and jump and climb.
With no one around to ruin my good time.
4. If I were a dog, during the day I'd rest
So when my master came home, I'd be at my best –
Ready to run or play ball or catch,
Ready to jump, roll over, or fetch
5. But I'm not a dog or a bird or a bear.
I'm not a dolphin who can swim everywhere.
I'm just a kid who wants to have fun.
But I know I can't till my work's all done!

Questions

Write your answers in complete sentences.

1. Why do you think the poet wrote this poem?
2. What do you think the poet is trying to tell you?
3. Why do you think the poet thinks about being something else?
4. Where would the poet like to go if he can fly?
5. When would the poet like to have fun?
6. How does the poet escape worries of work?

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Answer:

1. Why do you think the poet wrote this poem? *The poet wrote this poem to entertain readers.*
2. What do you think the poet is trying to tell you? *The poet wants to fly or swim or play all day*
3. Why do you think the poet thinks about being something else? *The poet wants to escape from worries and work and be free like animals.*
4. Where would the poet like to go if he can fly? *The poet would like to go to the sky.*
5. When would the author like to have fun? *The poet can have fun when he has done his work.*
6. How does the poet escape worries of work? *He imagines he can fly, flip, jump and climb.*