

Class - 4
Subject - English Course Book
Book - New Exploring English
Chapter - 2 MY SHADOW (POEM)

Read these lines from the poem and answer the questions.

1. For he sometimes shoots up him at all.

a. Who 'shoots up'?

Ans. The shadow of the poet shoots up.

b. What does the poet compare him to?

Ans. The poet compares him to a Indian-rubber ball.

c. Why do you think he changes his size?

Ans. The shadow changes its size due to the light's movement. As the light moves towards the object, the shadow becomes larger and when light moves away from the object, the shadow becomes smaller.

2. He stays so close beside me, he's
..... shadow sticks to me!

a. Why does the poet call him a 'coward'?

Ans. The poet calls him a 'coward' because the shadow always stays close with the poet.

b. Pick out two rhyming words from the lines.

Ans. Two rhyming words are - me, see; head, bed.

c. Why do you think the poet would be ashamed to stick to nursie?

Ans. The poet thinks it is shame to stick all the time like a woman who looked after children because he does not know much about the shadow.

3. But my lazy little shadow asleep in bed.

a. Why does the poet call the shadow an 'arrant sleepy-head'?

Ans. The poet calls the shadow an 'arrant sleepy-head' because the shadow stays at home behind him and is fast asleep in bed in the early morning.

b. Why do you think the shadow did not accompany the boy in the morning?

Ans. The shadow did not accompany the boy in the morning because in the early morning the sun light is very low. There is no shadow seen behind the boy.

VBQ c. Are you lazy like the shadow or active like the boy? Support your answer with examples from your life.

Ans. Surely I am active like the boy. Because I know - Early to rise and early to bed, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. It makes me active also.