

Deepening Understanding

YR4 Poetry Text

This set of questions is based upon the poem, 'My Shadow' written by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Q1

What does the author mean by the phrase 'goes in and out with me' when describing his shadow?

1 Mark

Q2

Why does the author say the shadow is 'very, very like me from the heels up to the head'?

1 Mark

Q3

How does the author describe the way 'proper children' grow?

1 Mark



Q4

Why is the simile 'shoots up like an India-rubber ball' effective when describing how the shadow grows?

2 Marks

Q5

Why might the shadow get 'so little that there's none of him at all' ?

2 Marks

Q6

Circle the word that is closest in meaning to 'notion'.

note

idea

fun

playtime

1 Mark



Q7

'nursie' is a shortened version of nursemaid. Why might the author be ashamed to stick to her like a shadow?

2 Marks

Q8

Draw lines to match the two phrases taken from the poem.

a coward you can see
jumps before me
makes a fool of me

when I jump up on the bed
in every single way
stays close beside me

1 Mark

Q9

Why is the shadow at home asleep at the end of the poem?

1 Mark



Q10

How does the author feel about his shadow? Explain your answer as fully as you can using evidence from the text.

3 Marks

