

How to use this book

This *Workbook* helps you to check what you already know, practise what you've learned and challenge yourself to fly higher!

You can work through all of the activities in order or you can dip in and out to brush up your skills or explore in more depth. Use the progress chart opposite to record which skills you've checked and practised. Aim higher by having a go at the questions in the *Skills Test Papers*.

You can check the answers at the back of the book.

What you should be able to do after you complete the skills check and practice questions. You can tick off each one as you can do it.

The title of the topic.

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CAN YOU?

- Give the meanings of words in poetry.
- Give reasons for your choices when answering questions.

Words in context: poetry

SKILLS CHECK

Read this poem.

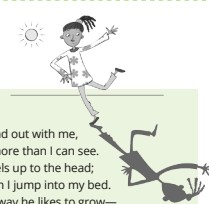
My Shadow

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the head;
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed—
The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow—
Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to play,
And can only make a fool of me in every sort of way.
He stays so close beside me, he's a coward you can see;
I'd think shame to stick to nurse as that shadow sticks to me!

One morning, very early, before the sun was up,
I rose and found the shining dew on every buttercup;
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-head,
Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in bed.

Robert Louis Stevenson



PRACTICE


Read this poem and answer the questions about it.

Love Between Brothers and Sisters

Whatever brawls disturb the street,
There should be peace at home;
Where sisters dwell and brothers meet,
Quarrels should never come.

Birds in their little nests agree;
And 'tis a shameful sight,
When children of one family
Fall out and chide and fight.

Isaac Watts



WORDS IN CONTEXT: POETRY

1. Tick the word that is closest in meaning to *notion*.

Tick **one**.

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description	<input type="checkbox"/>	play	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notion is another word for *idea*. Sometimes you will be asked to explain your answer.

2. Explain why the writer's shadow is *lazy*.

The shadow is lazy because it isn't doing its job.

For this, you have to understand that shadows cannot be seen in the dark.

1. Find and copy one word that means the same as *fight*.

2. The word *dwell* is closest in meaning to:

Tick **one**.

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visit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	hide.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Why does the writer include the line *Birds in their little nests agree*?

4. 'tis a *shameful sight*

Give **two different** words that could be used instead of *shameful*.

1. _____ 2. _____

5. Give **two different** words that could be used instead of *chide*.

1. _____ 2. _____

6. The poem is:

Circle **one**.

a piece of advice. a proverb. an argument. a request.

Complete the practice questions to check your understanding. The questions become more difficult as you go down the page.

Background information on the topic to help you answer the questions.