

NCERT Solutions for Class 8 English Honeydew Chapter 16

The Duck and the Kangaroo (Poem) Class 8

Chapter 16 The Duck and the Kangaroo (Poem) Exercise Answers & Summary

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Q1 :

Taking words that come at the end of lines, write five pairs of rhyming words. Read each pair aloud. For example, pond - beyond

Answer :

Five pairs of rhyming words are as follows:

- (i) Hop - stop
- (ii) Back - Quack
- (iii) Duck - luck
- (iv) Reflection - objection
- (v) Bold - cold

Q2 :

Complete the dialogue.

Duck : Dear Kangaroo! Why don't you

Kangaroo : With pleasure, my dear Duck,

though _____

Duck : That won't be a problem. I will

Answer :

Duck: Dear Kangaroo! Why don't you give me a ride on your back?

Kangaroo: With pleasure, my dear Duck, though your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold and I might catch rheumatism.

Duck: That won't be a problem. I will wear worsted socks and cloak and smoke a cigar every day to keep out the cold.

Q3 :

The Kangaroo does not want to catch 'rheumatism'. Spot this word in stanza 3 and say why it is spelt differently. Why is it in two parts? Why does the second part begin with a capital letter?

Answer :

The word 'rheumatism' is spelt differently and is in two parts so that it can rhyme with 'kangaroo' in the following line. As a result of splitting the word into two and changing its spelling, 'roo' rhymes with 'kangaroo'. The second part 'Matiz' begins with a capital letter because it is the first word of the line. In a poem, every line begins with a capital letter even if it is in continuation with the previous line. Hence, this has been done in order to enhance the poetic effect of the lines.