

Thinking about the Poem

a) What does Sandburg think the fog is like?

(b) How does the fog come?

(c) What does 'it' in the third line refer to?

(d) Does the poet actually say that the fog is like a cat? Find three things that tell us that the fog is like a cat.

Ans-(a) Sandburg (the poet) thinks that the fog is like a cat.

(b) The fog comes silently like a cat on its small feet.

(c) 'It' in the third line refers to fog.

(d) The poet does not actually say that the fog is like a cat, but he uses the metaphor of a cat for comparison.

Three things that tell us that the fog is like a cat are

(i) It comes silently in the same manner like a cat comes on its small feet.

(ii) Lines 3, 4 and 5 of the poem compare the fog with a cat that sits by folding its knees and looks around the nearby places silently.

(iii) In the last line, the fog moves on like a cat.

2. You know that a metaphor compares two things by transferring a feature of one thing to the other.

(a) Find metaphors for the following words and complete the table below. Also try to say how they are alike. The first is done for you.

Storm	Tiger	Pounces over the fields, growls
Train		
Fire		
School		
Home		

Ans

Storm	Tiger	Pounces over the fields, growls
Train	Snake	Long rope like body
Fire	Sun	Symbol of power
School	Temple	Teaches moral values, virtues Safety, warmth
Home	Shelter	Safety, warmth

(b) Think about a storm. Try to visualise the force of the storm, hear the sound of the storm, feel the power of the storm and the sudden calm that happens afterwards. Write a poem about the storm comparing it with an animal.

Ans. For self-attempt

3. Does this poem have a rhyme scheme? Poetry that does not have an obvious rhythm or rhyme is called 'free verse'.

Ans. This poem does not have a rhyme scheme, as the lines in the poem do not end with like sounds. In this poem, there is no pattern of similarity in the sounds of the ending words of any of the lines. Such is called free verse. a poem