

Challenge 1: Choose either 'High Places' or 'The Sea' and answer the comprehension questions:

High Places

1. What creatures can be found on the hill-tops? What are they doing there?
2. Find and copy a word which means 'delights'.
3. What does the author think about on top of the hill-top?
4. In your own words, explain why you think the author likes high places like the hill-top.
5. Find an example of personification in the text and explain its effect on the reader.

The Sea

1. 'With his clashing teeth and shaggy jaws'. In this part of the poem, what part of the sea do you think the author is referring to?
2. Find a piece of evidence in the text that the sea is calm in May and June.
3. Find and copy a word which means 'barely'.
4. Why do you think a dog an effective animal to compare the sea to?
5. Find an example of personification in the text and explain its effect on the reader.

Challenge 2: Choose two of your favourite poems to answer these questions:

1. Describe three features of poetry you have discovered in your poems.
2. Find an example of a metaphor in one of your chosen poems and explain its effect on the reader.
3. Find an example of personification in one of your chosen poems and explain its effect on the reader.
4. How do you feel the author feels about the place they have described in one of your poems? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
5. Compare the use of rhythm and rhyme in your two poems. What is similar? What is different?

