

THE SHED

Working with the Poem

Question 1. Answer the following questions:

(i). Who is the speaker in the poem?

Answer: The speaker of the poem is the poet.

(ii). Is she/he afraid or curious, or both?

Answer: He is both, afraid as well as curious. He is curious to enter the shed and at the same time he feels that someone is staring at him.

(iii). What is she/he planning to do soon?

Answer: He is planning to open the door and enter the shed some day soon.

(iv): “But not just yet...” suggests doubt, fear, hesitation, laziness or something else. Choose the word which seems right to you. Tell others why you chose it.

Answer: I think “But not just yet...” suggests hesitation. It shows that the speaker wants to take some more time to be sure of his thoughts about the shed. He currently fears that someone stares at him and at the same time also thinks that his brother saying that there’s a ‘ghost’ is just a lie. So, he is hesitating to take any further step for now.

Question 2: Is there a room in your house or a house in your neighbourhood/locality where you would rather not go alone, and never at night? If there is such a place and a story to go with it, let others hear all about it.

Answer: Yes, there is a room in my house where I do not go alone and never at night. That room is the store room in the backyard. We keep the things that are not in use currently. We open that room very rarely and I feel scared to go alone there. Once I had gone there alone and there was a power cut. I screamed and started shivering with fear. I also heard some noise, which made me even more frightened. Due to my screams my family members came running towards the store room and calmed me down. After some time, power came back. Then, we saw a rat roaming around and I understood where the noise was coming from. But I still feel very scared to go there alone, especially at nights.