

The Wonderful Words

Working with the Poem

Question 1. With your partner, complete the following sentences in your own words using the ideas in the poem.

(i) Do not let a thought shrivel and die because _____

(ii) English is a _____ with words that everyone can play.

(iii) One has to match _____

(iv) Words are the _____ of thought.

Answer:

(i) you do not know how to say it.

(ii) wonderful game

(iii) the words to the brightest thoughts in one's head.

(iv) food and dress

Question 2. In groups of four discuss the following lines and their meanings.

(i) All that you do is match the words

To the brightest thoughts in your head

(ii) For many of the loveliest things

Have never yet been said

(iii) And everyone's longing today to hear

Some fresh and beautiful thing

(iv) But only words can free a thought

From its prison behind your eyes

Answer:

(i) The given lines mean that when someone has a thought in one's head and does not know how to say it, one should just use English words to pick the most accurate words that express one's thought in the best possible way.

(ii) Through these lines, the poet says that there are so many beautiful things that have never been written. It is wrong to perceive that everything that is good has already been said by someone or the other.

(iii) A fresh thought or idea is always welcomed by people as everyone is waiting for it.

(iv) The human mind is a huge treasure where all thoughts and ideas take birth. To express those thoughts or ideas, only words can help.