

Winter Wonderland



Crisp underfoot, my feet sink down deep,
As the white, fluffy snow caves in.
A crunch and a slip as I steady my grip,
Let the wintry fun begin!

Icicles hang from the buildings above,
Shining and gleaming like glass.
Watery chimes that are frozen in time,
Reflecting the sun as I pass.

Bushes and plants with a powdery coat,
Shed puffs as a robin flies by.
A flurry of snow hits the garden below,
As the robin looks on from up high.

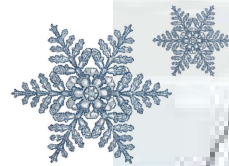
Snow starts to float through
the bitter grey sky,
A twirl as the lacy flakes fall.
Meeting by chance for a fluttering dance,
In a splendour of shapes big and small.

I look to the river that's frozen on top,
The slippery ice stops the flow.
A crack and a creak in the silence so bleak,
Send a warning of danger below.



The laughter of children is soft in the air
As snowballs exchange between friends.
A snowman to make, a carrot to take,
And a wish that the fun never ends.

My nose is now red, my fingers are numb,
Jack Frost has been spreading his cold.
So home I will head, to my warm cosy bed,
And the fire, a sight to behold.



Questions

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- ☐ dull
 - ☐ reflecting
 - ☐ dark
 - ☐ gloomy
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 - ☐ sledging
 - ☐ having a snowball fight
 - ☐ making snow angels
3. Who is Jack Frost in the poem? Tick one.
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 - ☐ the poet
 - ☐ a bird
 - ☐ the spirit of winter
4. Draw **three** lines to match each scene to the verse where it appears.

The snowflakes dance
together.

A bird watches the scene
below.

The poet slips.

verse one

verse three

verse four

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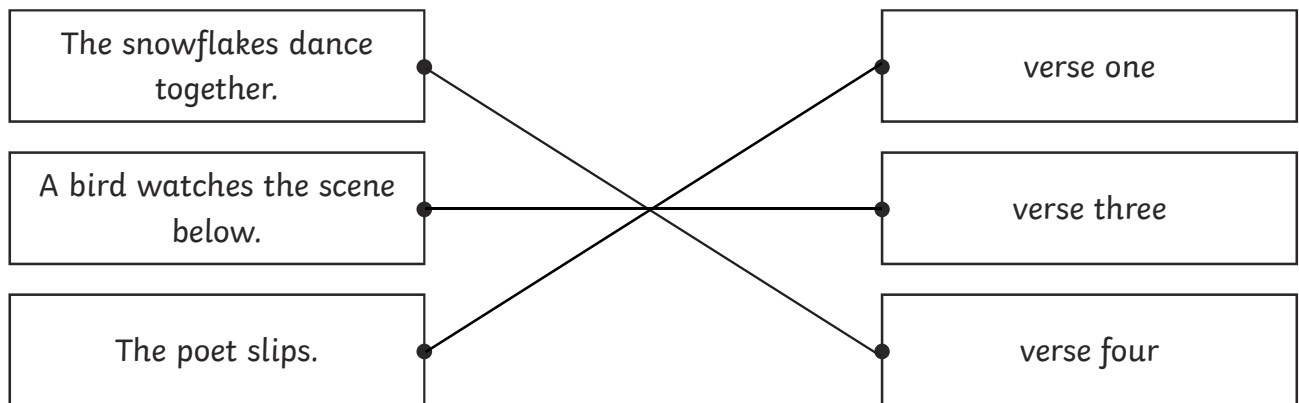
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Accept any two from: Icicles are like glass because they are breakable; transparent; smooth; sharp; can sound like glass if knocked or broken; shine in the sun.

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Snow is covering the bushes and plants and when the robin flies past it knocks little bits off in 'puffs'.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the poet is feeling cold and they are excited to go home to their nice warm fire. I know this because they said their nose is red and their fingers are numb and they say their bed is warm and cosy.

8. In the fifth verse, the poet says the creaking of the river **sends a warning of danger below**. What mood does this create and what might the poet have been trying to tell the reader?

Pupils' own responses, such as: It creates a mood that is a little scary and dark. The poet might have been trying to tell the reader to stay away from the dangerous, frozen river.