

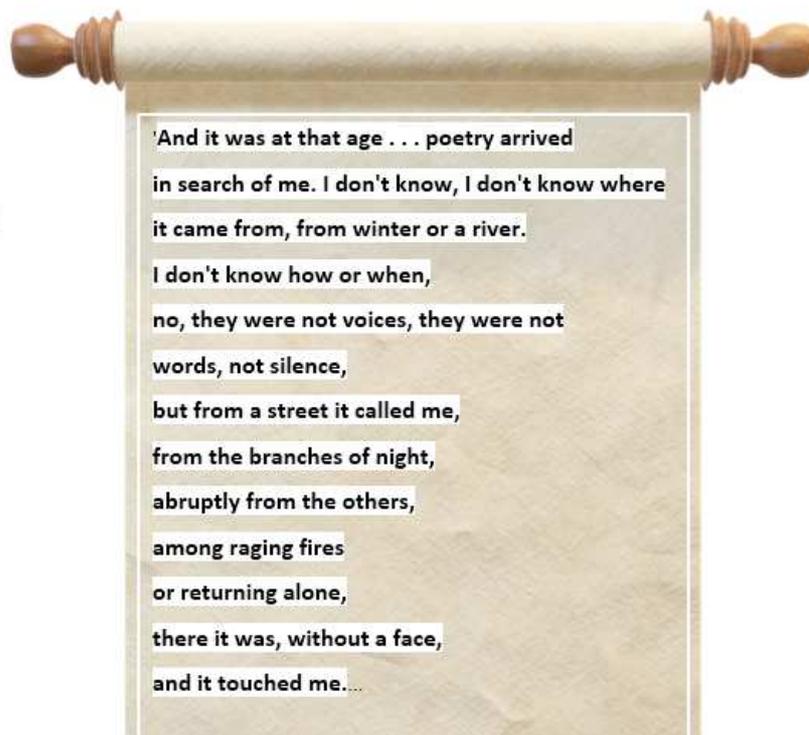
ENGLISH WORKSHEET

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Standard X
ENGLISH

I. Read the following lines from the poem Poetry and answer the following questions.



1. Comment on the expression '...poetry arrived in search of me'.
2. '... it called me...' Who called whom?
3. Pick out an expression of contrast from the above lines.
4. Find out an example for visual image from lines given.
5. What was the condition of the poet before the arrival of poetry?

II. Fill in the blanks choosing the words from the brackets below:

Personification

Alliteration

Infinitesimal

Nonsense

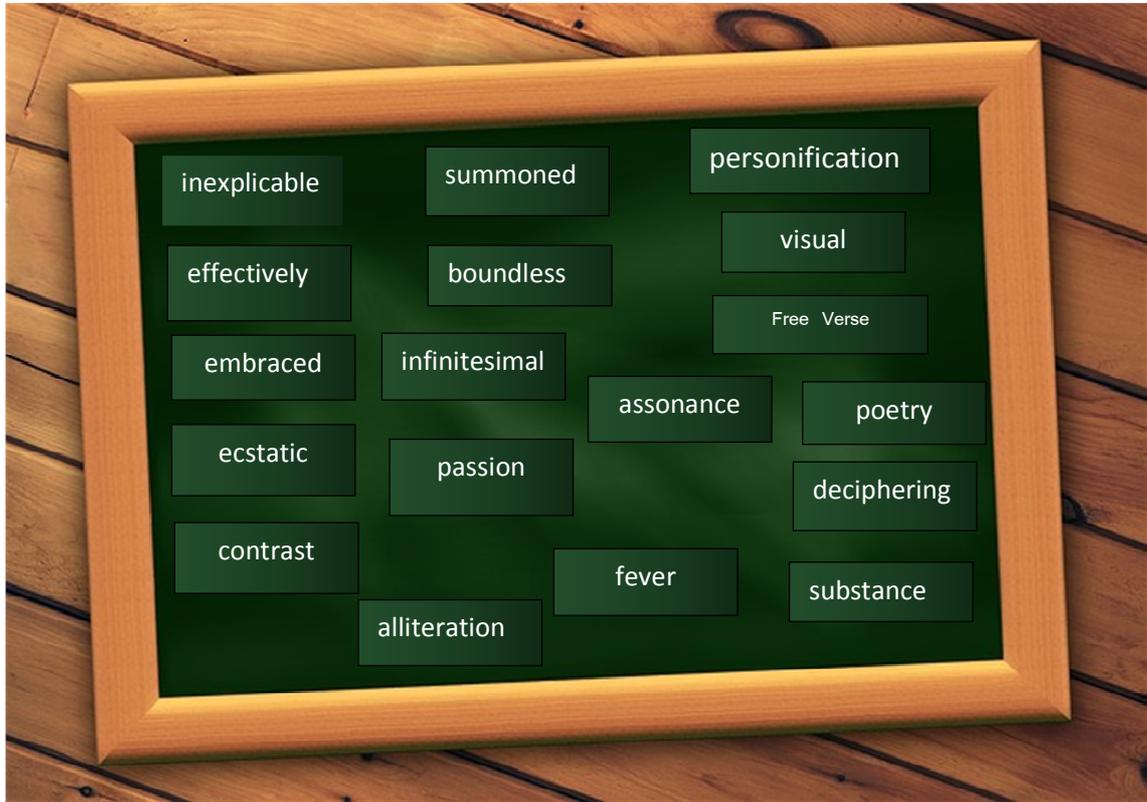
Ecstatic

1. Palpitating plantations is an example for _____.
2. The first lines written by the poet were faint and _____.
3. _____ means extremely small.
4. The figure of speech used in the line 'Poetry arrived in search of me' is _____.
5. The tone of the poem is _____.

III. What does the following words in the poem mean?

| A | B |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. Fever | The spark of inspiration |
| 2. Forgotten Wings | The poet's mind travelled to explore the unknown areas of the universe. |
| Fire | Blooming of his creativity |
| Flowers | Recovery of the poet's lost sense of creativity |
| Wheeled with the stars | Sudden outburst of emotions regarding creativity |

IV. Complete the appreciation of the poem 'Poetry' using the words given below.



In the poem 'Poetry' Pablo Neruda talks about how _____(a)_____ came in search of him. He did not know when, how and where it came from. He didn't hear any voices speaking to him. He was _____(b)_____ by an invisible force and the poetry touched him. The theme of the poem is the _____(c)_____ and _____(d)_____ experiences of the poet when he was _____(e)_____ by poetic creativity. Before this magical touch he could not express his ideas _____(f)_____. By the arrival of poetry, though he could not utter words and his eyes became blind he felt something started in his soul like a _____(g)_____. He could find his own ways of expressing his ideas by _____(h)_____ the fire of poetry.

He wrote his first faint lines free of _____(i)_____ and suddenly heavens opened before him and he could see fires flowers and everything that

made up the universe. By the arrival of poetic inspiration his imagination became ____ (j) ____.

Although he was an ____ (k) ____ being, he was elevated to the world of ecstasy and he felt himself as a part of the abyss free to wheel with the stars. The whole experience was like his heart breaking loose on the wind.

____ (l) ____ is the style of the poem. ____ (m) ____ or ecstasy is the tone. The poetry arrived in search of him is the best example for the poetic device ____ (n) ____.

Winter and river represent a frozen and flowing state makes a ____ (o) _____. Expressions like not voices, nor silence, pure nonsense are instances of literary device named Contrast. The poet has not used end rhyme but the lines showing ____ (p) ____ is 'I don't know how or when' which adds beauty to the poem. Something started in my soul, fever or forgotten wings palpitating plantations are perfect examples of ____ (q) _____. By the touch of poetry, a world of ecstasy is opened in the mind of the poet. References to flowers, violent fires, branches of night, heavens, wings, planets, plantations create beautiful ____ (r) ____ images in the mind of the readers.

V. Fill in the blanks using suitable words from the brackets.

(on, with, into, to, at, in)

The next day when the principal called me __ (a) __ his office I knew what it would be about. He looked uncomfortable and unhappy. I decided I wasn't going __ (b) __ make it any easier __ (c) __ him, so I looked him straight __ (d) __ the eyes. He looked away and fidgeted __ (e) __ the papers __ (f) __ his desk.



VI. Read the conversation between Martha and her grandfather and fill in the blanks below.



Martha: Grandpa, the scholarship jacket is going to cost 15 dollars and I have to take the money in tomorrow.

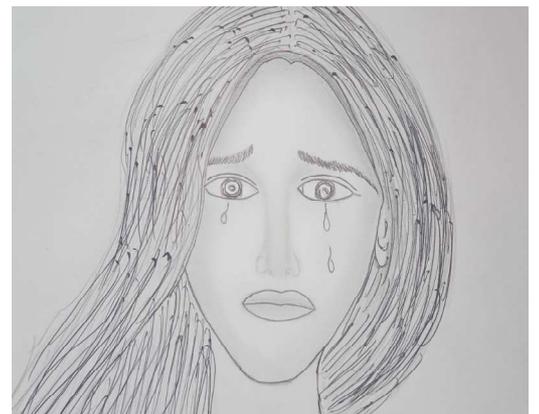
Grandfather: Martha, if you pay for the jacket, it is not a scholarship jacket.

Martha told her grandfather that _____ (a) _____.

Grandfather replied that _____ (b) _____.

VII. Martha felt extremely sad when her grandfather rejected her plea to pay 15 dollars for the scholarship jacket. She cried a lot, locked up in her room she noted down her feelings in her diary. What will her diary entry be?

[principal called - informed - change in policy - scholarship jacket - not free - pay 15 dollars - shocked - if unable - to pay - given to another student - cried - way back home - red puffy eyes - ran out - to the fields - grandfather - fields - told him about 15 dollars - he asked 'What does a scholarship jacket mean?' - realized - sad, cried - 'if you pay for it, it's not a scholarship jacket' - walked back - crying - felt angry - to grandfather - board - what shall - tell principal tomorrow]



VIII. Write a paragraph about Martha's Grandfather making use of the words given below.



IX. Fill in the crossword using the clues given below.

Across

- 4. a North American tree
- 6. Synonym of 'possess'

Down

- 1. 'Go on'
- 2. Antonym of 'columns'
- 3. to order to come
- 5. a way out

