

Chapter 9: Garden Snake

Working with the Poem

Question 1:

Answer the following questions.

- (i) Pick out the line that suggests that the child is afraid of snakes.
- (ii) Which line shows a complete change of the child's attitude towards snakes? Read it aloud.
- (iii) "But mother says that kind is good..." What is mother referring to?

Answer:

- (i) The line that suggests that the child is afraid of snakes is 'I saw a snake and ran away...'
- (ii) The line that shows a complete change of the child's attitude towards snakes is "There's no mistake, it's just a harmless garden snake!"
- (iii) Mother is referring to the garden snake, which is harmless as it eats up only insects for its food.

Question 2:

Find the word that refers to the snake's movements in the grass.

Answer:

The word that refers to the snake's movements in the grass is 'wiggles'.

Question 3:

There are four pairs of rhyming words in the poem. Say them aloud.

Answer:

The four pairs of rhyming words in the poem are as follows:

1. 'Away' and 'say'
2. 'Good' and 'food'
3. 'Grass' and 'pass'
4. 'Mistake' and 'snake'