

Song of the Seasons

- 5 In spring time, the forest,
9 In summer, the sea,
13 In autumn, the mountains,
17 In winter, we freeze.
22 How nice, the old branches
25 Bursting with buds,
29 The primrose and bluebell
34 Freshly grown in the woods.
38 All green things unfolding,
42 Where merry birds sing!
47 I love in the woodlands
51 To wander in spring.
56 Ah, wind, is it winter?
60 Yes, winter is here;
65 With snow on the meadow,
69 And ice growing near.
73 The daylight is short,
78 But the firelight is long;
82 Ice-skating's our sport,
87 Then a story and song.
92 In spring time, the forest,
96 In summer, the sea,
100 In autumn, the mountains,
104 In winter, just me.

Quick Questions

1. '*...where merry birds sing!*' In this line, what does 'merry' mean?



2. Number these seasons from 1 to 4 to show the order they appear in the poem.

_____ autumn _____ spring
_____ summer _____ winter



3. How does the author feel about the branches in spring time? Find evidence from the poem.



4. Fill in the missing words below using the text to help you.

'The daylight is _____ but the firelight is _____.'



The Little Red Hen

10 One day, the Little Red Hen found some grains of
19 wheat on the ground. "Who will help me plant
25 these grains of wheat?" she asked.

36 "Not I," replied the cat, the dog and the horse. They
48 were all far too lazy and busy to offer their help. So
58 the Little Red Hen planted the grains all by herself.

68 When the wheat had grown, the Little Red Hen asked
78 her friends, "Who will help me cut down the crops?"

84 "Not I," cried her so-called friends.

96 "Then I will do it," said the Little Red Hen. So the
107 little red hen cut the wheat all by herself and put
117 her haul into sacks, ready to take to the miller.



Quick Questions



1. Where did the Little Red Hen find the wheat grains?



2. Which adjective has the author used to describe the Little Red Hen's friends when they wouldn't help her?



3. How do you think the Little Red Hen felt when her friends wouldn't help her?



4. What do you think happened next?

Superheroes and Comic Books

10 Comics are made up of lots of pictures. The pictures
18 are drawn inside frames (also known as panels),
28 and tell a story. Story text or speech bubbles also
36 help the reader to understand what is happening.

43 Superhero comics first became popular in the
49 1930s. The first superheroes were Superman,
55 Batman, Captain America and Wonder Woman.
62 Much later superheroes like Spider-Man, the
71 Fantastic Four, the Hulk, X-Men and Iron Man
79 were created. Some of these superheroes still have
85 adventures in comic books today. Amazingly,
95 many of them now even have their own films or
97 television series.



Quick Questions



1. What helps the reader to understand what is happening in the pictures?



2. Why has the author started the final sentence of the text with 'amazingly'?



3. Why do you think superheroes became a popular subject for comic books?



4. Can you order when these things happened by putting numbers 1-4?

- _____ Some superheroes got their own films or TV series.
- _____ Superman appeared in a comic.
- _____ Superhero comics become popular.
- _____ Spider-Man appeared in a comic.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

- 9 Dorothy gave a little scream when she saw the
16 wrinkled, little woman in front of her.
- 24 "Who are you? Are you a Munchkin?" asked
25 Dorothy.
- 37 "No but I am their friend. I am the Witch of the
38 North."
- 46 "Oh, goodness me!" cried Dorothy. "Are you a
48 real witch?"
- 56 "Yes, indeed," answered the little woman. "I am
67 a good witch and the people love me. I am not
76 as powerful as the Wicked Witch was who ruled
77 here."
- 83 "I thought all witches were wicked,"
91 said the girl, who was a little bit
97 frightened at facing a real witch.
- 104 "Oh, no, that is a great mistake.
111 There were only four witches in all
120 the Land of Oz and only one of them
122 was wicked."



Quick Questions

1. Why do you think Dorothy screamed when she first saw the woman?



2. *'That is a great mistake.'* What does 'mistake' mean in this sentence?



3. How many witches are there in the whole Land of Oz?



4. What might Dorothy and the witch do next?
