



Year 7 Poetry 2: The Ocean's Call

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

The Ocean's Call

Beneath the sky so vast and blue,
Lies an ocean, deep and true,
Waves that crash with strength anew,
A world of wonder, out of view.

The tide pulls in, then sweeps away,
Carrying secrets from the bay,
Whispers of the sea at play,
In the light of a golden day.

The fish that dart beneath the waves,
Find solace in the ocean's caves,
A dance of life, the sea behaves,
In the depths, where the water paves.

The sun dips low, a fiery ball,
Casting shadows, dark and tall,
As night descends, the sea does call,
A lullaby for one and all.

Beneath the stars, the ocean sleeps,
In dreams, the sea its secrets keeps,
A gentle hush, the water weeps,
In the night, where silence seeps.



Multiple-Choice Questions

1. What language technique is used in "Waves that crash with strength anew"?
 - A) Hyperbole
 - B) Simile
 - C) Onomatopoeia
 - D) Alliteration

2. The phrase "Whispers of the sea at play" is an example of:
 - A) Personification
 - B) Metaphor
 - C) Simile
 - D) Imagery

3. Which word best describes the mood of the poem?
 - A) Melancholic
 - B) Mysterious
 - C) Serene
 - D) Energetic

4. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
 - A) ABAB
 - B) AABB
 - C) ABCB
 - D) ABBA



5. The phrase "A lullaby for one and all" is an example of:
- A) Simile
 - B) Personification
 - C) Metaphor
 - D) Alliteration
6. What does the ocean symbolize in the poem?
- A) Chaos
 - B) Peace
 - C) Mystery
 - D) Despair
7. What language technique is used in "The sun dips low, a fiery ball"?
- A) Simile
 - B) Metaphor
 - C) Alliteration
 - D) Personification
8. The line "Casting shadows, dark and tall" creates what type of imagery?
- A) Visual
 - B) Auditory
 - C) Tactile
 - D) Olfactory



9. Which of the following is present in the poem?

- A) Simile
- B) Onomatopoeia
- C) Personification
- D) Alliteration

10. The overall tone of the poem can be described as:

- A) Reflective
- B) Angry
- C) Anxious
- D) Joyful



Short Answer Questions

1. Identify and explain the use of personification in the poem.

2. How does the poet use imagery to describe the ocean?

3. What is the effect of the rhyme scheme on the mood of the poem?

4. Why might the poet have chosen to describe the ocean at different times of the day?



5. Explain the metaphor "A lullaby for one and all"?

6. How does the poet convey the idea of mystery in the poem?

7. What mood is created by the description of the "Casting shadows, dark and tall"?

8. How does the poet use alliteration in the poem? Provide examples.



9. Discuss the significance of the ocean "keeping secrets" in the poem?

10. Why is the ocean described as a place of solace?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. D) Alliteration
2. A) Personification
3. C) Serene
4. B) AABB
5. C) Metaphor
6. C) Mystery
7. B) Metaphor
8. A) Visual
9. C) Personification
10. A) Reflective

Short Answer Questions:

1. Personification is used in "Whispers of the sea at play," where the sea is given the human ability to whisper, adding a playful tone.
2. The poet uses imagery, such as "Waves that crash with strength anew" and "Casting shadows, dark and tall," to vividly describe the ocean's power and mystery.
3. The AABB rhyme scheme creates a soothing rhythm, enhancing the serene and reflective mood of the poem.
4. Describing the ocean at different times of the day highlights its changing moods and adds depth to the imagery.
5. "A lullaby for one and all" is a metaphor that suggests the ocean's sounds are gentle and calming, like a lullaby that soothes everyone.
6. The poet conveys mystery through descriptions of the ocean "keeping secrets" and the play of shadows at night.
7. The mood created by "Casting shadows, dark and tall" is one of quiet contemplation, reflecting the transition from day to night.
8. Alliteration is used in phrases like "Casting shadows" and "Waves that crash," adding rhythm and emphasis to the descriptions.
9. The ocean "keeping secrets" symbolizes the unknown depths and mysteries of the sea, adding to its allure.
10. The ocean is described as a place of solace because it offers a peaceful, comforting environment, away from the chaos of the world.



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