

# Woodland Magic

Have you ever noticed the magic of the woodland?

Luscious, green vines wrapped around  
gargantuan trunks like slithering snakes.

A thousand diamonds glistening on  
the silver blanket of the tranquil lake.

Dandelion seeds fly like fairy dust  
delicately in the whispering breeze  
over and through the knotted limbs  
of the gentle giant trees.



Crimson and tangerine mosaics of leaves;  
miniature elf hats from acorn shells;  
fresh dewdrops of pixie tears  
upon glistening bluebells.

Gazing faces of the wise, all-knowing trees;  
speckled toadstools nestled on the ground;  
butterflies dance and nightingales sing  
a harmonious, melodic sound.

Darkness brings a curtain of stars:  
precious jewels, gleaming bright.  
As many creatures start to explore  
others settle for the night.

Look closely for the magic of the woodland,  
breathe in the magic of the woodland,  
embrace the magic of the woodland.



# Questions

1. Which seeds does the poet compare to fairy dust? Tick one.

- ☐ bluebell
- ☐ pumpkin
- ☐ dandelion
- ☐ apple

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they occur in the poem.

- ☐ There is a whispering breeze.
- ☐ There are speckled toadstools.
- ☐ There are vines that are like snakes.
- ☐ The leaves are crimson and tangerine.

3. What is described as a **silver blanket**? Tick one.

- ☐ moon
- ☐ lake
- ☐ dewdrop
- ☐ star

4. Underline **one** word in the quotation below that suggests that the trees are big.

*... over and through the knotted limbs of the gentle giant trees.*

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*... over and through the knotted limbs of the gentle giant trees.*

**Award 1 mark** for:

- giant

5. What are the acorn shells compared to?

**The acorn shells are compared to miniature elf hats.**

6. Fill in the missing word.

A **thousand** diamonds glistening on the silver blanket of the tranquil lake.

7. Why do you think the poet describes the stars like jewels?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the poet describes the stars like jewels because they are shining brightly and are dazzling.**

# Questions

1. What are compared to pixie tears? Tick one.

- ☐ raindrops
- ☐ waterfalls
- ☐ dewdrops
- ☐ rivers

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they occur in the poem.

- ☐ There are butterflies dancing.
- ☐ The dandelion seeds are like fairy dust.
- ☐ Some creatures settle at night.
- ☐ The acorn shells are like elf hats.

3. Which of the following words are used to describe the trees? Tick **two**.

- ☐ giant
- ☐ whispering
- ☐ speckled
- ☐ all-knowing

4. Underline **one** word in the quotation below that suggests that something is valuable.

*Darkness brings a curtain of stars:*

*precious jewels, gleaming bright.*

5. Find and copy one word which means the same as 'small'.

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6. Fill in the missing word.

Crimson and \_\_\_\_\_ mosaics of leaves

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4. Underline **one** word in the quotation below that suggests that something is valuable.

*Darkness brings a curtain of stars: precious jewels, gleaming bright.*

**Award 1 mark** for:

- precious

5. Find and copy one word which means the same as 'small'.

**miniature**

6. Fill in the missing word.

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the knotted limbs are branches and twigs.**

8. Create a new title for this poem. What would you call it and why?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I would call this poem 'Enchanted' because it feels like all the nature in the woodland is alive and magical.**



# Questions

1. Underline **one** word in the quotation below which means the same as 'calm'.

*A thousand diamonds glistening on  
the silver blanket of the tranquil lake.*

2. Which of the following are **not** mentioned in the poem? Tick one.

- ☐ bluebells
- ☐ toadstools
- ☐ butterflies
- ☐ beetles

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4. Find and copy one word which means the same as 'to look at something for a long time'.

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**Award 1 mark** for:

- tranquil

2. Which of the following are **not** mentioned in the poem? Tick one.

- ☐ bluebells
- ☐ toadstools
- ☐ butterflies
- ☒ **beetles**

3. What does the poet compare the dandelion seeds to?

**The poet compares the dandelion seeds to fairy dust.**

4. Find and copy one word which means the same as 'to look at something for a long time'.

**gazing**

5. Fill in the missing word.

Darkness brings a curtain of stars:  
precious **jewels**, gleaming bright.

6. What impression does the poet give with the phrase the **gentle giant trees**?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the phrase the gentle giant trees gives the impression that the trees are towering and still.**

7. What season do you think it is in the poem? Why?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the season is autumn in the poem because there are acorn shells mentioned and there are crimson and tangerine leaves.**

8. Summarise what the poem is about in 30 words or fewer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The poem is about finding magic in nature. The poet makes things appear enchanted and encourages the reader to look closely at nature to find magic.**