



### Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.

queer

harness

downy

mistake

sweep

straps

error

unusual

soft

brush

### Skimming and scanning for information

Find the words above in the text below and highlight them.

#### **Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening**

**By Robert Frost**

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His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
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## Summarise

Summarise the text in less than 15 words.

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(1 mark)

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2. Give three examples of alliteration used.

(2 marks)

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3. Why does the horse think it is strange to stop? Use evidence from the text.

(2 marks)

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The man stops on his journey to enjoy the winter woods.

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To emphasise how long he still has to travel before he can go to bed.

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dark and deep

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sound's the sweep

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watch his woods

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The horse thinks it is strange because he is stopping in the dark and cold between the woods and frozen lake without a farmhouse near.

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The rhyme scheme is AA, BB. For example know/though and deep/keep.

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To enjoy the winter beauty such as the snow flakes, the quiet and dark.

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