

Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.

queer

straps

harness

error

downy

unusual

mistake

soft

sweep

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,
And miles to go before I sleep.



Summarise

Summarise the text in less than 15 words.

1. Why do you think the author repeats the final line?

(1 mark)

2. Give three examples of alliteration used.

(2 marks)

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

(2 marks)

4. What is the rhyme scheme in the poem? Give an example.

(2 marks)

5. Why do you think the person stops in the woods?

(2 marks)

6. The horse wants to continue. Find a phrase that supports this statement.

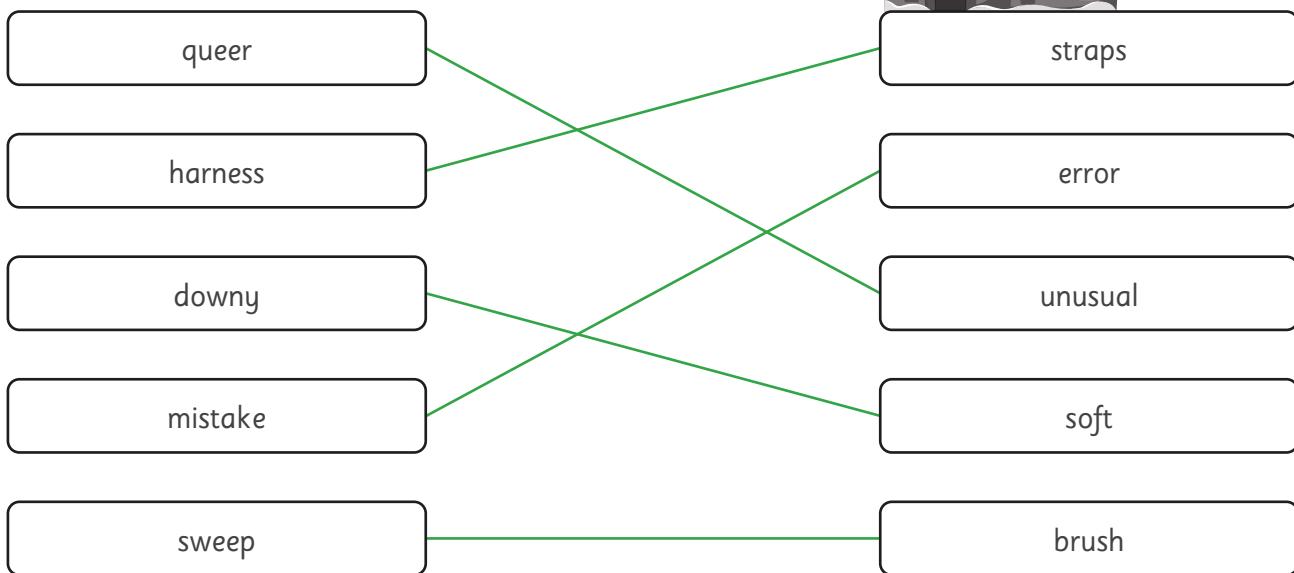
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The man stops on his journey to enjoy the winter woods.

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

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(2 marks)

dark and deep

sound's the sweep

watch his woods

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

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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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(2 marks)

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

5. Why do you think the person stops in the woods?

(2 marks)

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

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(1 mark)

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