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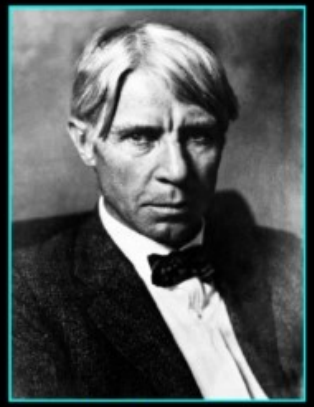
Class-X

English

First Flight

Poem - 8

Fog



Carl Sandburg

Neha Rajvanshi

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The fog comes
on little cat feet.

Personification
Metaphor
Enjambment



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Harbour : बंदरगाह

Haunches : घुटने मोड़ कर बैठना

It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

Free Verse





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SUMMARY

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In the poem 'Fog' the poet compares the fog with a cat and says that the fog is approaching the city in a very silent manner so that no one can notice its arrival. Same as the cat enters a place silently. Next he says that the fog has covered the whole of the city and harbour and it appears as if it is

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sitting by folding its legs and looking around just a way a cat does when it sits on the haunches and looks around. At the end, he describes the departure of the fog that is silent and unpredictable, again similar to the departure of the cat who does not sit on a same place for a long time.

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Literary Devices Used in the Poem

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1. Free Verse : There is no rhyme scheme in the poem. So, this is the example of free verse.

2. Enjambment : When the same sentence continues to the next line.

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3. Personification : When human qualities are given to any non lining objects.

Example :

Fog is personified in the poem.

4. Metaphor : When two things are compared.

Example :

Fog is compared with cat.

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Fog
[Comprehension]

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Question 1. (i) What does Sandburg think the fog is like?

Answer : (i) The fog is like the little cat sitting with her knees bent.

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Question 1. (ii) How does the fog come?

Answer : (ii) The fog comes silently and slowly just like a cat.

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Question 1. (iii) What does 'it' in the third line refer to?

Answer : (iii) 'It' in the third line refers to the fog that is compared with a cat.

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Question 1. (iv) Does the poet actually say that the fog is like a cat? Find three things that tell us that the fog is like a cat

Answer : (iv) Yes, the poet compares the fog with a cat and says that the fog comes like a cat, silently and slowly. The movement of the fog is compared with the cat.

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Three things that tell us that fog is like a cat are :-

1. It comes silently like a cat.
2. It looks over the city like a cat sitting on haunches.
3. The fog moves on silently to another place like a cat.

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Question 2. Does this poem have a rhyme scheme? Poetry that does not have an obvious rhythm or rhyme is called 'free verse'.

Answer : The poem does not have a rhyme scheme. It is an example of free verse.

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Question 3. How does the poet make the fog like a living being?



Answer : The poet makes the fog like a cat who is a living being. He does so through a metaphor. The fog is the cat itself. After falling on the cat it moves as the cat moves. The cat becomes the fog and the fog the cat.

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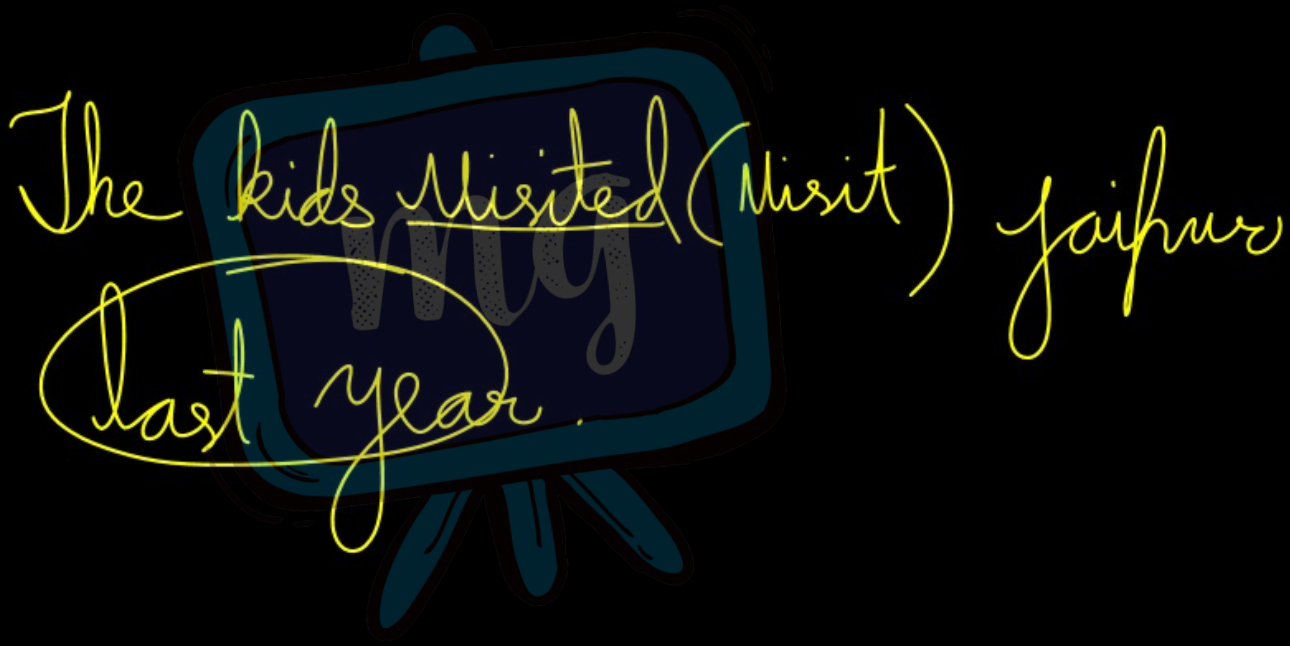

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We have been learning

We _____ (learn) English

since 4 o'clock.

has been – Singular

have been – Plural

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will join

My friends ____ (join) me

on next Sunday

Will —

Shall — I/We