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ENGLISH
First Flight

POEM - 5

THE TALE OF CUSTARD THE DRAGON

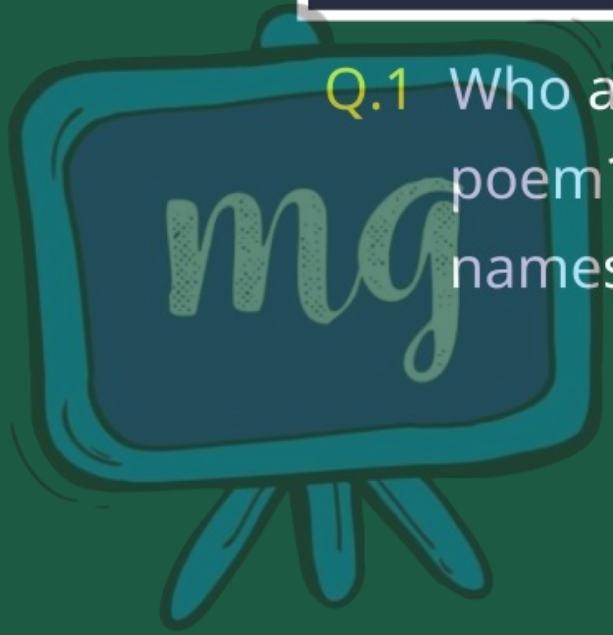
Part – 3
COMPREHENSION

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Q.1 Who are the characters in this poem? List them with their pet names.

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Answer : The characters in the poem are Belinda, a little girl and her pets. They are –

Characters	Pet names
Little Black kitten	Ink
Little Gray mouse	Blink
Little Yellow dog	Mustard
Little Dragon	Custard

Apart from these a pirate is also a part of the poem.

Q.2 Why did Custard cry for a nice safe cage? Why is the dragon called "cowardly dragon"?



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Answer : Custard cried for a nice safe cage because it was coward and was scared very easily. It is called "cowardly dragon" because everyone else in the house is very brave while the dragon is the only one, who fears a lot and looks for a nice safe cage for himself.

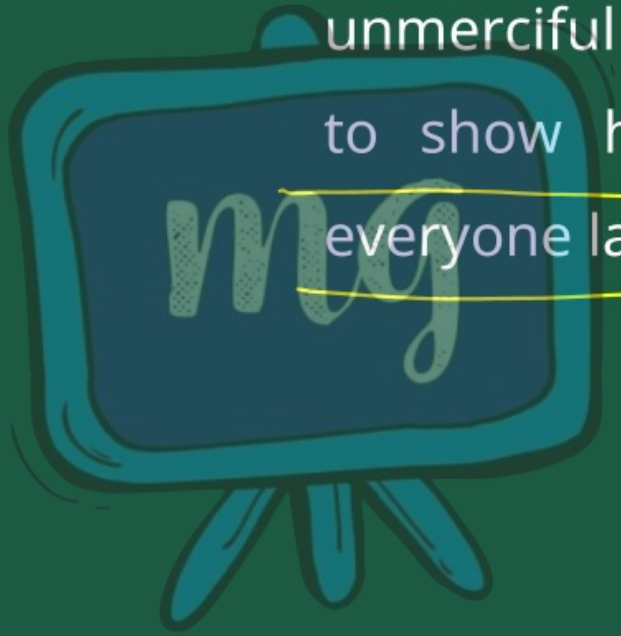
Q.3 "Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful..." Why?



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Answer : Belinda tickled him unmerciful to make fun of him and to show his cowardice on which everyone laughed.



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Q.4 Read stanza three again to know how the poet describes the appearance of the dragon.



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Answer : Stanza three of the poem describes the physical side of the dragon. By stating his 'big sharp teeth', 'spikes' and 'scales', the poet makes him fearful.

The poet also presents his mouth like a fireplace and chimney for his nose. There are daggers on his toes.

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Q.5 Do you find The Taleof Custard the Dragon to be a serious or a light-hearted poem? Give reasons to support your answer.



Answer : 'The tale of custard the Dragon' is a very light and funny poem meant to be enjoyed by everyone. The way the poem is written with a fix rhyme scheme, makes it very easy and enjoyable to read.

The pet animals are also described in a funny and comical way especially the image of a kitten, mouse and dog making fun of a dragon is very amusing.

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The climax of the story where the dragon gobbled the pirate also makes us smile. So we can say that it is very entertaining and interesting poem with a fun story.

