

The Tiger Creeps By

Sleek and striped, the tiger sneaks through the grass

Her prey is running, racing, hiding out

Terrified creatures wait for her to pass

The tiger creeps by, make sure you don't shout.

Sleek and striped, the tiger crawls up the tree

Her prey is scuttling, scrambling, climbing high

No match for her, they just want to be free

The tiger climbs by, make sure you don't cry.

Sleek and striped, the tiger sprints through the bush

Her prey is jumping, leaping, dashing as well

She's hungry and hunting, she's in a rush

The tiger streaks by, make sure you don't yell.

Sleek and striped, the tiger lies with her young

The jungle breathes now, the hunting is done.





Questions

1. Why has the writer repeated some phrases in the poem?

2. Why do you think the creatures are terrified in the first verse?

3. What kind of creatures could the writer be talking about when they write 'scuttling, scrambling, climbing high'?

4. How does the writer make sure you know it's important to stay quiet?

5. What is the rhyming pattern of this poem?

6. How many syllables are in each line of the poem?

7. How do you feel about the tiger at the end of the poem?

8. Why does the writer say the jungle 'breathes'?

Answers

1. Why has the writer repeated some phrases in the poem?

To create a familiar start to each verse, whatever the tiger is doing, she is always sleek and striped.

2. Why do you think the creatures are terrified in the first verse?

They don't want the tiger to catch them.

3. What kind of creatures could the writer be talking about when they write 'scuttling, scrambling, climbing high'?

Any appropriate answers eg. squirrels, monkeys etc

4. How does the writer make sure you know it's important to stay quiet?

The writer repeats the same line 'make sure you don't...' at the end of each verse, and gives a different word for loud noises at the end.

5. What is the rhyming pattern of this poem?

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6. How many syllables are in each line of the poem?

10 syllables in each line.

7. How do you feel about the tiger at the end of the poem?

Any appropriate answer, eg. scared of the tiger, or feel sorry for the tiger as she was just trying to feed her baby.

8. Why does the writer say the jungle 'breathes'?

All the animals in the jungle feel safe to breathe now that the tiger has gone to sleep, they feel relieved.