

The Loner

Year Level: 7/8

Genre: Poem

Comprehension Skills and NAPLAN Support:

Fact and Detail (FD)

Word in Context (WC)

Figurative Language (FL)

Comparing and Contrasting (CC)

Main Idea (MI)

Meaning in Context (MC)

Prediction (P)

Figurative Language (FL)

Facts and Details (FD)

Conclusion and Inferences (CI)

Author's Purpose (AP)

Cause and Effect (CE)

Identify and Appreciate Irregular Rhyme Schemes

Interpret, Appreciate and Evaluate a Poem

Identify, Evaluate and Appreciate the Use of Imagery and Figurative Language

Answers:

- 1) In the second stanza, the poet points out that the playground is...
 - a) *full of activity.*

- 2) The poet used the word 'clique' in the third stanza. This means...
 - b) *group.*

- 3) Which of the following is an example of a metaphor?
 - b) *'His loneliness is his shell and shield'*

- 4) The poet uses the simile 'sharp as a knife' to describe...
 - c) *short lived strife in the playground.*

The Loner (*cont.*):

- 5) What is the main idea of the poem?
 - a) *There will always be people who are excluded by others.*
- 6) In the second stanza, the apostrophe in the word 'playground's' is used...
 - d) *to show that a letter has been omitted.*
- 7) Predict what would have occurred if the boy had not moved away.
 - c) *He still would have been a loner.*
- 8) Which of these contains an example of alliteration?
 - a) *'And other boredom-beating tricks'*
- 9) What does the boy scuff?
 - c) *The surface of the playground is scuffed.*
- 10) The poet suggests that the person who wrote 'watch this space'...
 - d) *didn't care about the boy leaving.*
- 11) This poem is an example of a...
 - b) *descriptive poem.*
- 12) Why does the boy adopt 'boredom-beating tricks'?
 - b) *He wants the other students to notice what he is doing*