

Leisure By W.H. Davies

Answer in full sentences.

1. What are 'boughs'?

*Clue: Think about where the person in the poem might be standing to watch the world go by.

2. List two things that the poet says busy people don't have the time to stop and see.

3. How many rhyming couplets are there in the poem?

4. Write down the simile which is used to describe streams.

5. What does Beauty do in the poem?

6. What is the message that the poet is trying to get across to the reader?

7. Write a rhyming couplet which could be incorporated into the poem, beginning with 'No time to...'

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Boughs are branches of a tree.

2. List two things that the poet says busy people don't have the time to stop and see.

E.g. No time to stand beneath the branches of the trees and stare at the world around us, like sheep and cows do/No time to notice nature around them, such as where squirrels hide their store of nuts/No time to look at a sparkling stream in the daylight/ No time to look at the beauty of the world/No time to see how the beauty of nature changes over time/Any other suitable interpretation of the poem.

3. How many rhyming couplets are there in the poem?

There are seven rhyming couplets in the poem.

4. Write down the simile which is used to describe the streams.

The simile used to describe streams is that they are like skies at night, which are full of stars.

5. What does Beauty do in the poem?

Beauty dances and smiles in the poem.

6. What is the message that the poet is trying to get across to the reader?

The poet is trying to say that we must all make time for leisure, giving ourselves the opportunity to admire the beauty of the world around us.

7. Write a rhyming couplet which could be incorporated into the poem, beginning with 'No time to...'

Own answers.

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The poet is describing a busy life which is full of worries and things to care about.

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3. List two things that the poet says busy people don't have the time to stop and see.

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4. How many rhyming couplets are there in the poem?

There are seven rhyming couplets in the poem.

5. Write down the simile that is used to describe the streams. Why is this used?

The simile used to describe streams is that they are like skies at night. This is because they sparkle like stars in the sky.

6. Who or what do you think is 'Beauty'?

This question is open to interpretation. E.g. 'Beauty' refers to the beauty of nature and the world around us/'Beauty' is the poet using personification to compare the wonderful world around us to a beautiful woman, who dances and smiles.

7. What is the message that the poet is trying to get across to the reader?

The poet is trying to say that we must all make time for leisure, giving ourselves the opportunity to admire the beauty of the world around us.

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Own answers.

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1. What does the poet mean by life that is 'full of care'?

2. What are 'boughs'?

3. List three things that the poet says busy people don't have the time to stop and see.

4. How many rhyming couplets are there in the poem?

5. Write down the simile and the metaphor which are used to describe the streams.

6. Who or what do you think is 'Beauty'?

7. What is the message that the poet is trying to get across to the reader?

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4. How many rhyming couplets are there in the poem?

There are seven rhyming couplets.

5. Write down the simile which is used to describe the sparkling streams.

The simile and metaphor used to describe the streams is that they are full of stars, like skies at night.

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7. What is the message that the poet is trying to get across to the reader?

Something similar to: The poet is trying to say that we must all make time for leisure, giving ourselves the opportunity to admire the beauty of the world around us.

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Own answers.