

Priyanka Sharma

Q-Write first two stanzas of the poem in your notebook along with the poet's name given below-Trees

Ready with leaves and with buds stood the tree. 'Shall I take them?'the frost said, now puffing with glee.

'Oh my,no, let them stand,

Till flowers are at hand!'

All trembling from tree-top to root came the plea.

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Flowers unfolding the birds gladly sung 'Shall I take them?' the wind said and merrily swung.

'Oh my, no, let them stand, Till cherries are at hand!' Protested the tree, while it quivering hung.

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GLOSSARY

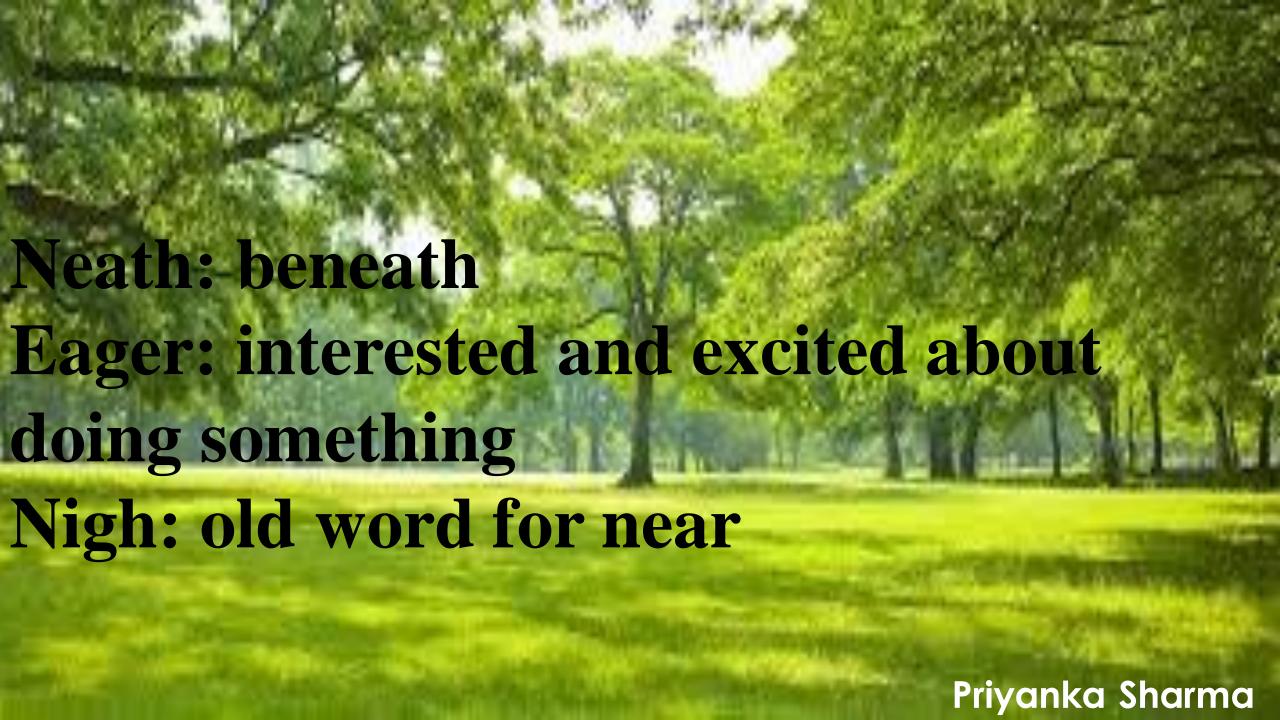
Puffing: blowing out in clouds

Glee: delight

At hand: something that has appeared and is around

Please: an emotional request

Quivering: shaking slightly



A: COMPREHENSION-

Q- Below is an incomplete summary of the poem'Trees', Choose the correct words from the box to complete it.

The poem 'Trees' is about the effects of changing seasons on trees. It is also about the relation between plants and humans. Each season has a different effect on plants. When the frost of winter falls on trees, it withers the buds. Once the buds are shrunk, the flowers will not blossom. If there are no flowers, then there will be no fruits either. Priyanka Sharma

In the first stanza, the frost threatens to fall on the buds. But the whole tree from its roots to its tip pleads with the frost not to fall, so that the flowers can blossom.

In the second stanza, the wind knows that if it blows very hard then the flowers on the trees would fall. The tree once again please with the second force of nature not to destroy the flowers as they are about to spring cherries. In the last stanza, a little girl looks at the cherries that are hanging from the tree. She asks the tree for permission to pluck them to eat. The tree gladly bow down so that the girl can pluck at the cherries, and it tells the girl that it had been saving the cherries just for her.

NOTE:

•Its not necessary to write the summary part of the poem in your notebooks given under the heading comprehension if you have purchased your text book. In case those who have not purchased, for them it's compulsory to write the same question in their notebooks.

