## **Poetry Comprehension**

## **Furry Bear**

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If I were a bear,

And a big bear too,

I shouldn't much care

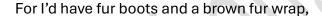
If it froze or snew;

I shouldn't much mind

If it snowed or friz-

I'd be all fur-lined

With a coat like his!



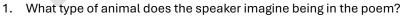
And brown fur knickers and a big fur cap.

I'd have a fur muffle-ruff to cover my jaws,

And brown fur mittens on my big brown paws.

With a big brown furry-down up to my head,

I'd sleep all the winter in a big fur bed.



- A. A lion
- B. A bear
- C. A wolf
- D. A tiger





2.	What does the speaker suggest they wouldn't care about if they were a bear?			
	A.	Being cold		
	В.	Being hungry		
	C.	Climbing trees		
		Catching fish		
3.	What is	s the rhyme scheme of the first stanza?		
	A.	ABAB		
	В.	AABB		
	C.	ABCB		
	D.	ABBA		
4.		ind of clothing does the speaker imagine wearing as a bear?		
	A.			
	В.	Fur-lined clothing		
	C.	Woollen clothing		
	D.	Leather clothing		
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5.	vvnat w	vould cover the speaker's jaws if they were a bear?  A scarf		
		A handkerchief		
	D.	A hood		
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6.	What w	vould the speaker wear on their paws if they were a bear?		
	A.	Woollen gloves		
	В.	Leather gloves		
	C.	Fur mittens		
	D.	Cotton gloves		
7	\M/hat id	a the main theme of the neem?		
7.	A.	s the main theme of the poem? The beauty of nature		
	В.	The comfort of warmth		
	C.	,		
	D.	The importance of sleep		
8.		vould the speaker sleep in if they were a bear?		
	A.	Atree		
	В.	A cave		

C. A fur bedD. A den

9.	How does the speaker describe the winter weather?			
	A.	Freezing and snowing		
	В.	Warm and sunny		
	C.	Cold and windy		
	D.	Stormy and rainy		

- 10. What word does the poet use to describe the speaker's head covering?
  - A. A hat
  - B. A cap
  - C. A hood
  - D. A scarf
- 11. What does the phrase "big brown furry-down" refer to?
  - A. A type of pillow
  - B. A fur coat
  - C. A warm blanket
  - D. The bear's fur
- 12. Which of the following best describes the tone of the poem?
  - A. Serious
  - B. Playful
  - C. Sad
  - D. Angry
- 13. What is the significance of the word "big" in the poem?
  - A. It emphasises the size of the bear
  - B. It refers to the bear's appetite
  - C. It highlights the bear's strength
  - D. It suggests the bear's age
- 14. Why does the speaker mention a "big fur bed"?
  - A. To show how much bears like to sleep
  - B. To illustrate the comfort of being a bear
  - C. To compare a bear's bed to a human's bed
  - D. To describe the bear's habitat

- 15. What type of weather is described in the poem?
  A. Springtime rain
  B. Winter snow
  C. Autumn winds
  D. Summer heat
- 16. Which of the following items is NOT mentioned in the poem?
  - A. Fur boots
  - B. Fur cap
  - C. Fur knickers
  - D. Fur shoes
- 17. What is the purpose of the fur muffle-ruff in the poem?
  - A. To cover the bear's paws
  - B. To protect the bear's jaws from the cold
  - C. To keep the bear's feet warm
  - D. To shield the bear's eyes
- 18. What word is used to describe the bear's fur in the poem?
  - A. Soft
  - B. Fluffy
  - C. Brown
  - D. Shiny
- 19. Which season is most likely being referred to in the poem?
  - A. Spring
  - B. Summer
  - C. Autumn
  - D. Winter
- 20. What is the overall message of the poem?
  - A. The hardships of winter
  - B. The joy of being warm and cosy
  - C. The difficulties of being a bear
  - D. The beauty of nature

## Answers only

- 1. B
- 2. A
- 3. B
- 4. B
- 5. B
- 6. C
- 7. C
- 8. C
- 9. A
- 10. B
- 11. D
- 12. B
- 13. A
- 14. B
- 15. B
- 16. D
- 17. B
- 18. C
- 19. D
- 20. B

Answers with explanations

1. B) A bear

Explanation: The speaker imagines being a bear, as mentioned in the first line of the poem.

2. A) Being cold

Explanation: The speaker suggests that as a bear, they wouldn't care if it "froze or snew" (snowed), indicating a lack of concern about the cold.

3. B) AABB

Explanation: The poem follows an AABB rhyme scheme, where the first two lines rhyme with each other and the next two lines rhyme with each other.

4. B) Fur-lined clothing

Explanation: The speaker imagines wearing fur-lined clothing, such as "fur boots," "fur wrap," and "fur cap."

5. B) A fur muffle-ruff

Explanation: The speaker describes wearing a "fur muffle-ruff" to cover their jaws if they were a bear.

6. C) Fur mittens

Explanation: The speaker imagines wearing "brown fur mittens" on their big brown paws.

7. C) The power of imagination

Explanation: The poem is playful and imaginative, as the speaker dreams about being a bear and how comfortable it would be.

8. C) A fur bed

Explanation: The speaker imagines sleeping "all the winter in a big fur bed" if they were a bear.

9. A) Freezing and snowing

Explanation: The poem describes winter weather as "froze" and "snew" (snowed).

10. B) A cap

Explanation: The speaker mentions a "big fur cap" that they would wear on their head.

11. D) The bear's fur

Explanation: The phrase "big brown furry-down" refers to the bear's fur, which covers them and keeps them warm.

12. B) Playful

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Explanation: The tone of the poem is playful, as the speaker enjoys imagining what it would be like to be a bear.

13. A) It emphasises the size of the bear

Explanation: The word "big" is used to emphasise the large size of the bear and its fur.

14. B) To illustrate the comfort of being a bear

Explanation: The mention of a "big fur bed" illustrates how comfortable and cosy it would be to sleep like a bear in winter.

15. B) Winter snow

Explanation: The poem refers to winter snow with words like "froze" and "snew."

16. D) Fur shoes

Explanation: The poem mentions "fur boots," "fur knickers," and "fur cap," but not "fur shoes."

17. B) To protect the bear's jaws from the cold

Explanation: The "fur muffle-ruff" is imagined as something to cover and protect the bear's jaws from the cold.

18. C) Brown

Explanation: The poem repeatedly describes the bear's fur as "brown."

19. D) Winter

Explanation: The poem describes freezing and snowy weather, indicating that the season being referred to is winter.

20. B) The joy of being warm and cosy

Explanation: The overall message of the poem is the joy and comfort of being warm and cosy, as imagined by the speaker being a bear in winter.