

# Answers

## Two Little Ducks

1. ...it was as if it had **accelerated** from his feet.

Which word is closest in meaning to **accelerated**? Tick **one**.

balanced ☐

**sped** ☒

collided ☐

trembled ☐

2. ...his face had **contorted** with concentration and tension...

What does **contorted** mean in this sentence? Tick **one**.

to show sadness ☐

**to twist out of shape** ☒

to become redder and redder ☐

to display a serene smile ☐

3. Look at the paragraph beginning: **Two little ducks: that's all Jeff...**

**Find** and **copy one** word from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to 'empty'.

**vacant**

4. **It danced merrily in the air, seemingly as proud as Jeff of their shared victory.**

**Find** and **copy two** different words from the sentence above which show that the dotted card appeared to have positive feelings.

**merrily**

**proud**

5. **And, as the hall erupted with sound of 'quack, quack', Jeff truly did launch into space: he was over the moon.**

Choose the best words to match the meaning of the sentence above. Circle both of your choices.

As the hall became **raucous** ☐ dangerous ☐ silent ☐ ,  
Jeff **was ecstatic** ☐ was in a rocket. ☐ visited new places. ☐

## The History of Bicycles

1. **...enlarging the front wheel to create a vehicle which was mass produced as the velocipede.**

Choose the best words to match the meaning of the sentence above. Circle both of your choices.

Before ☐ fake copies ☐ **huge numbers** ☐ French versions ☐ of the velocipede were  
made, the front wheel of the bicycle was ☐ removed. ☐ made smaller. ☐ **made bigger.** ☐

2. Look at the paragraph beginning: **First appearing in English print...**

**Find and copy one** word from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to 'unknown'.  
**unidentified**

3. The bicycle, **commonly referred to** as the bike...

What does **commonly referred to** mean?

**Accept any answer which correctly defines the phrase 'commonly referred to' but in the child's own words, such as:**

- **Commonly referred to means that something is regularly called something;**
- **It means when lots of people use a different name instead of an item's real name.**

4. Whether human-powered or motor-powered, the bicycle is the **preferred** mode of transport by millions of cyclists worldwide.

Which word is closest in meaning to **preferred**? Tick **one**.

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| maintained      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| unique          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| dreaded         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>favoured</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

5. French mechanics Pierre Michaux and Pierre Lallement added new **technical elements**...

What does **technical elements** mean in this sentence? Tick **one**.

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| <b>practical aspects</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| difficult mistakes       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| scientific simplicity    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| French workmen           | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### **Stripy Messengers, Swollen Branches: A Spring Cinquain**

1. **Eager** senses search for welcome signs.

Which word is closest in meaning to **eager**? Tick **one**.

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| peculiar        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| overwhelmed     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>yearning</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| disinterested   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

2. The floral scent of **renewal**, surfing on a breeze.

What does **renewal** mean?

**Accept any answer which correctly defines 'renewal' in the child's own words, such as:**

- **Renewal means when something begins again;**
- **It means something that had stopped but is now starting back up**

3. **Find and copy one** word from the poem that is closest in meaning to 'a sudden occurrence'.

**foray**

4. A buzzing **herald** of bees...

What does **herald** mean in this sentence? Tick **one**.

the promise of an end

☐

unusual and unexpected events

☐

**a sign something will happen**

☒

an individual's quest

☐

5. Find and copy a group of words which tell you that the smell of flowers is lingering in the air.

**surfing on a breeze**

## **Extended Response Challenge**

Acceptable points:

**AP1.** Overdue/welcome/the poet is desperately searching for it.

**AP2.** The poet sees spring as a busy time.

**AP3.** Warm/thawed/the poet is warming up again after winter.

**AP4.** The poet blushes.

**AP5.** The poet sees the arrival of spring as a welcome embrace.

Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, at least one with evidence, e.g.

- The poet reacts eagerly to spring because the poem says that 'eager senses' are searching. The poet also blushes when spring arrives. [AP1 + evidence and AP4]
- The poet sees spring as a busy time because it states that it is the 'year's first busy foray'. The poet also seems to welcome the warm embrace and 'first warm kiss' of spring with a 'blush'. [AP2 + evidence and AP5 + evidence]

Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence, e.g.

- The poet must like to welcome spring because it says eager senses search for it. [AP1 + evidence]
- The poet searches for spring and then blushes when it arrives. [AP1 and AP4]

Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.

- The poet blushes when spring arrives. [AP5]
- The poet thinks that spring is very busy. [AP2]