

Learning outcomes

- To infer the joy that comes with kindness to fellow creatures
- To understand *rhyme scheme*
- To identify the words that help describe the given nouns

Summary

A flock of parrots flies down early in the morning to eat the chickpeas that the speaker has scattered on the lawn for them.

The speaker knows that they are not afraid of her because of the way they come and leave the place in a carefree manner.

The birds leave the lawn once they have cleaned the place of the grams.

Students read to comprehend the poem

Play the audio track. / Read the poem aloud. Explain the poem and question students to check comprehension.

- *When it's early morning...once again.*

Ask students:

When does the speaker see the parrots? What do we call a group of birds? How does the speaker know that they are not afraid of her?

Do you think this happens every day? Why do you think so? (Yes, it must be a daily routine because the birds are used to her presence and know that she would not harm her; they come and go in a fearless way.)

Post-reading

Divide the class into groups. Let them recite the poem using appropriate expressions and actions.

STUDENTS' BOOK ANSWER KEY**Parrots****Comprehension**

- A.**
1. The parrots come to the speaker's lawn in the early morning.
 2. The parrots swoop down on the speaker's lawn and eat the grams thrown by the speaker.
 3. a. The lawn is clean and clear of every little grain after the parrots leave.
b. The parrots are not scared of the speaker and they come and go easily.

- B.** *Suggested answer (accept any logical answer)*

Yes, the speaker likes having the parrots come to her lawn.

The lines, "They swoop down on the juicy grams/Which I love to throw" and "Soon my lawn is clean and clear/Of every little grain" show that she likes having the parrots on her lawn.

Enjoying the poem

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| 1. They swoop down on the juicy grams | <u> d </u> |
| Which I love to throw | <u> e </u> |
| They are not afraid of me | <u> f </u> |
| The way they come and go! | <u> e </u> |
| 2. Soon my lawn is clean and clear | <u> g </u> |
| Of every little grain | <u> h </u> |
| And then the parrots leave the place | <u> i </u> |
| To fly back once again. | <u> h </u> |

Vocabulary

1. the parrots—trim and bright.
2. the lawn—clean and clear.
3. the morning—early.
4. the grams—juicy.

Going further

Free response

QUESTION BANK

Parrots

A. Answer the questions.

1. How do the parrots come to eat the grams?

Ans: The parrots swoop down to eat the juicy grains.

2. What kind of a person is the speaker? Explain why you think so.

Suggested answer: The speaker is kind-hearted and caring. She is happy to feed the hungry birds and does not harm them in any way.

B. Choose the right answer.

The parrots come down to eat the grains that

- a. grow in the garden.
- b. the speaker scatters for them.

Ans: b

C. Read the lines and answer the questions.

They are not afraid of me

The way they come and go!

- a. Who is the speaker talking about?
- b. Why are they not afraid?

Ans: a. The speaker is talking about the parrots that come to her lawn to eat the grams.

b. They are not afraid because they know that she would not harm them.

D. Think and answer.

How can we show our love for birds and animals?

Ans: We can show our love for birds and animals by feeding them, not harming them or chasing them away. We can adopt them if possible.