



CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

Reading Comprehension

A. Write 'true' and 'false' for these statements.

1. The speaker would like to meet an alien. T
2. He wouldn't mind if the alien is bald. T
3. He would prefer the alien's face to be triangular in shape. F
4. He wouldn't mind if the alien talked loudly. T
5. The speaker likes only scary creatures. F
6. He would not care if the alien turned out to be a dancer. T

B. Answer these questions.

1. What is the speaker sure about?

Answer: The speaker is sure that he wants to meet an alien.

2. Which lines in the poem tell us that the alien's body size is unimportant to the speaker?

Answer: The following lines from the poem tell us that the alien's body size is unimportant to the speaker: I wouldn't care if he was big, or medium, or tiny,

3. What are some colours the alien could be?

Answer: The alien could be black and white, or yellow red or green.

4. How do we know that the speaker doesn't expect the alien to be absolutely clean?

Answer: The following lines in the poem tell us that the speaker doesn't expect the alien to be absolutely clean: He might be awfully dirty or meticulously clean.



5. Which lines in the poem tell us that the speaker would not insist that the alien should smell nice?

Answer: The following lines in the poem tell us that the speaker would not insist that the alien should smell nice: I'd like him if he used perfume or positively smelled.

6. Which dance form and musical instrument are mentioned in the poem?

Answer: The dance form that is mentioned in the poem is rhumba, or rumba. The musical instrument the speaker mentions is ukulele.

C. Read these lines and answer the questions that follow.

1. Yeah, wouldn't that be neat?

I'm sure there's not another
Creature I would want to meet.

a. What does the speaker say 'yeah' to?

Answer: The speaker says 'yeah' to his own words that he would like to meet an alien.

b. What would be 'neat'?

Answer: The speaker meeting the alien would be 'neat' (very nice).

c. Which word in these lines means 'certain'?

Answer: The word 'sure' in the quoted lines means 'certain'.

2. He could look like a lizard

Or be furry and mammalian

a. Who is 'he'?

Answer: 'He' in the quoted lines refers to the alien that the speaker would like to meet.

b. Why does the speaker refer to these animals?



Answer: The speaker refers to reptiles and mammals to convey that he would not care about the appearance of the alien. Even if the alien looked like a lizard or mammal, he wouldn't mind it because his primary goal is to scare his mother by bringing him home.

c. Pick a noun and an adjective from these lines.

Answer: The noun in the quoted lines is 'lizard' whereas the adjectives are 'furry' and 'mammalian'.

D. Why do aliens appear fascinating to us? What does this tell us about human beings in general? Share your views with your classmates.

Answer: The fascination of most human beings in extraterrestrial life tells us about our curiosity for otherworldly beings. Aliens also appear fascinating to us because we would like to believe that there are other intelligent life forms, too, that exist in the vast universe. Besides, there are so many questions we would like to learn the answers to from extraterrestrial life.

Appreciating the poem

A. Find two more examples of consonance from the poem.

Answer: Two more examples of consonance from the poem are as follows:

1. or if his skin was rough and tough,
2. He could be colored black and white,

B. Explain how these lines are examples of consonance.

1. The first sentence is an example of consonance because of the 't' sound is repeated throughout.
2. There are several consonant sounds such as 'l', 'r' and 'w' repeated in this line.



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3. The third line, too, has several consonant sounds repeated in it. They are 'm', 'r' and 'p' sounds.

