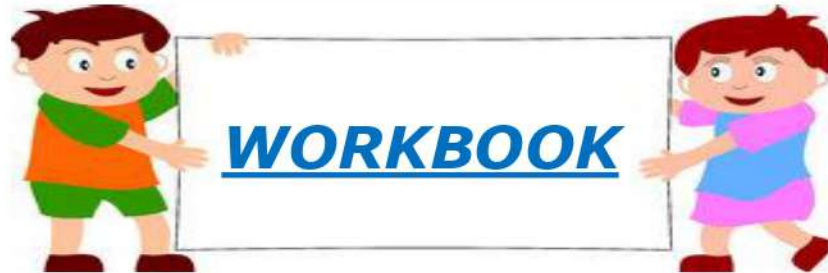




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**WHATEVER THE MIND OF MAN CAN CONCEIVE AND BELIEVE,
IT CAN ACHIEVE.**

-NAPOLEON HILL

FLAMINGO
THE LAST LESSON
-Alphonse Daudet

- Q1. Why did Franz want to spend time outside? What were the temptations that day?
- Q2. Why was the crowd gathered near the bulletin board?
- Q3. What did the blacksmith tell Franz? Did he really mean that?
- Q4. What was unusual about the school that day? What was unusual about M. Hamel that day?
- Q5. What was unusual about the classroom that day?
- Q6. Mention three reasons why the villagers were sitting on the backbenches.
- Q7. Which words were thunderclap for Franz? What transformation Franz went through?
- Q8. What were M. Hamel's views about French language?
- Q9. Who did M. Hamel blame for neglecting the French language?
- Q10. What did Franz wonder about the pigeons?
- Q11. What was the weakness of the people of France that M. Hamel pointed at?
- Q12. Which war is mentioned in the story and when did it take place?
- Q13. Name the two districts of France taken over by Germany.
- Q14. What did Hauser carry with him?
- Q15. What did M. Hamel bring for all that day?
- Q16. Why was M. Hamel unable to speak on hearing the march of Prussian soldiers?
- Q17. How did M. Hamel end the class that day?

LOST SPRING

-Anees Jung

Part-1

- Q1. What did the author ask Saheb to do instead of ragpicking?
- Q2. What promise was made by the author?
- Q3. Why was the narrator embarrassed?
- Q4. What is the irony in Saheb's name?
- Q5. Which game did Saheb like and how did he fulfil his wish?
- Q6. What are the excuses made by the poor children for not wearing footwear?
- Q7. What is the perpetual state of poverty as mentioned in the chapter?
- Q8. What are the living conditions at Seemapuri?
- Q9. How is Seemapuri miles away from Delhi?
- Q10. Why is Saheb no longer a master of his own?
- Q11. How is the perspective of the children and adults different regarding ragpicking

PART-2

- Q1. What are the working conditions of bangle makers of Firozabad?
- Q2. What are the living conditions of bangle makers of Firozabad?
- Q3. What happens to most of the children before they become young?
- Q4. Who is Mukesh and what dream has he seen? How is the father of Mukesh, a failure in his life?
- Q5. What is the opinion of the grandmother of Mukesh regarding bangle making?
- Q6. Who is Savita and in what context the narrator mentions about her?
- Q7. Which vicious circle does the author refer to? Which two distinct worlds the author refer to? Why are the bangle makers unable to form a union?
- Q8. How can we say that Mukesh can realize his dream?
- Q9. What does the author mean by "few planes fly over Firozabad"?

DEEP WATER
-William Douglas

- Q1. Why was the YMCA pool considered safer when compared to the Yakima River?
- Q2. Which incident happened with Douglas on the California beach?
- Q3. Why did Douglas join YMCA Swimming pool?
- Q4. What was the misadventure that took place with Douglas?
- Q5. Was Douglas scared when he was tossed into the deep end of the pool?
- Q6. Which strategy was planned by Douglas to save his life?
- Q7. What were the feelings of Douglas when he was struggling to save himself?
- Q8. What was impact of the misadventure on Douglas?
- Q9. Why was Douglas keen to learn swimming even after facing misadventures' in his life?
- Q10. What was the first strategy of the instructor and how long was it carried on?
- Q11. What was the second strategy of the instructor and how long was it carried on?
- Q12. What was the third strategy of the instructor and how long was it carried on?
- Q13. How did Douglas ensure that he had learnt swimming?
- Q14. Whose quote is mentioned in the end and what is that?
- Q15. "Deep Water" is an excerpt from which book?
- Q16. What did the mother of Douglas continually remind him of?
- Q17. "But I subdued my pride and did it." What did Douglas refer to here?
- Q18. How old was the boy who tossed Douglas into the pool and how is he described as?
- Q19. What was the keen desire of Douglas few years after the misadventure?
- Q20. Douglas began his training in October. How long did he take to get the confidence?

THE RATRAP
- Selma Lagerlof

- Q1. How did the peddler earn his livelihood?
- Q2. Which thought struck the mind of the peddler one day? Why was he pleased?
- Q3. Why and how did the crofter welcome the peddler?
- Q4. What and why did the crofter disclose in front of the peddler?
- Q5. How did the peddler break the trust of the crofter?
- Q6. Why did the peddler escape through the forest? How did the peddler feel?
- Q7. What was the reaction of the people at the iron mill when the peddler reached there?
- Q8. What was the reaction of the ironmaster when he saw the peddler?
- Q9. Why did the peddler decline the invitation of the iron master?
- Q10. How was Edla able to convince the peddler to accept the invitation?
- Q11. What was the reaction of the ironmaster when he saw the peddler after he got fresh?
- Q12. What was the reaction of the peddler when the ironmaster threatened to call the police?
- Q13. What did Edla say to convince her father to let the peddler enjoy Christmas at their place?
- Q14. Why did Edla still entertain the peddler even after she knew the truth about him?
- Q15. What conclusion did the ironmaster reach when he heard that the crofter had been robbed by the peddler?
- Q16. What were the contents of the package left by the peddler as Christmas gift for Edla Willmansson? Why did the peddler sign as the captain?
- Q17. The old man was just as generous with his confidences as with his porridge and tobacco". What does the narrator mean?
- Q18. What was the content of the letter left by the peddler for Edla?
- Q19. What are the underlying themes in the story?

INDIGO
- Louis Fischer

- Q1. "Indigo" is an excerpt from which book?
- Q2. When and where did Rajkumar Shukla first meet Gandhiji?
- Q3. After Lucknow, which were the three places where Rajkumar Shukla followed Gandhiji? Where did Gandhi finally give his consent?
- Q4. What was Rajkumar Shukla's request to Gandhi? What impressed Gandhiji about Raj Kumar Shukla?
- Q5. Which incident took place when Gandhiji and Shukla reached the house of Dr. Rajendra Prasad?
- Q6. What was indigo problem?
- Q7. Which place did Gandhiji and Rajkumar Shukla visit from Patna?
- Q8. Why did Gandhi decide to go first to Muzzafarpur?
- Q9. Who did Gandhi sent telegram to and in whose house did he stay at Muzzafarpur?
- Q10. What was the common Indian afraid of regarding home rule movement? Why did Gandhi chide lawyers?
- Q11. What did the secretary of the British landlord's association tell Gandhi?
- Q12. What was the reaction of the British official commissioner of the Tirhut division when Gandhi approached him?
- Q13. Why did the police give notice to Gandhi? Why did Gandhiji get summon?
- Q14. Why did the officials feel powerless when Gandhi reached the court at Motihari?
- Q15. Why was the government baffled?
- Q16. What was the demand of the prosecutor and what was Gandhi's reaction?
- Q17. Why was Gandhiji left without bail? Why did Gandhiji say "the battle of Champaran is won"?
- Q18. How did the deadlock break? Why did Gandhiji agree for 25% compensation?
- Q19. How did Gandhiji workout for the social upliftment of the people of Champaran?
- Q20. Why did Gandhiji refused that Charles Andrews should stay back to help the peasants

POETS AND PANCAKES
ASOKAMITRAN'S BOOK "MY YEARS WITH BOSS"

MAKE- UP DEPARTMENT

1. Used to be the _____
2. Was an example of _____.
3. Headed by _____, succeeded by _____ and composed of _____
4. The work of this department was to _____ into _____
5. Chief make up man _____ followed by others.
6. Office boy _____.
7. Gemini studio used to _____

KOTHAMANGALAM SUBBU

1. has been given _____
2. had contacts _____
3. cool, **composed**, calm, **cheerful**, creative, **loyal to boss**, charitable, **improvident**
4. even a flop film _____
5. He could give _____ to handle a particular scene.

OFFICE BOY

1. Did _____. Mixed _____ and _____
2. He wasn't _____
5. Had entered _____ in the hope _____
6. He was _____ wasted in a department _____
7. His anger was directed towards _____

LAWYER/ LEGAL ADVISOR

1. An extremely talented actress _____
2. When the actress _____
3. The actress was _____.
4. While every other member _____, the legal adviser _____
5. Often he _____
8. The Boss _____

FRANK BUCHMAN'S MORAL RE-ARMAMENT ARMY

1. Was welcomed _____ because of _____
2. People at the Gemini studios _____
3. Apart from that, _____
4. Madras and Tamil drama community _____

VISIT OF STEPHEN SPENDER

1. The accent of Stephen Spender, _____
2. Apart from that, the people _____
3. The Englishman's visit to the Gemini studios is referred to as _____
4. He was Stephen Spender, the editor of "_____", a British periodical, and a famous _____, essayist and novelist of the twentieth century.
5. The author went through "The Encounter" and found out that the editor was _____
6. After leaving Gemini studio, **the author read** _____

THE INTERVIEW
- Christopher Silvester

Q1. Who has written the book "Penguin book of interviews"?

Ans-

Q2. What is the book "Penguin book of interviews" about?

Ans-

Q3. Whose interview has the writer included in the book?

Ans-

Q4. Mention five points- opinion of people about the interview.

Ans-

Q5. What was the opinion of V.S Naipaul about the interview?

Ans-

Q6. How did Lewis Carol react to any interview?

Ans-

Q7. Describe Rudyard Kipling's opinion about the interview.

Ans-

Q8. Whose interview was taken by Rudyard Kipling himself?

Ans-

Q9. What did H.G Wells say about the interview and how did he contradict his opinion forty years later?

Ans-

Q10. How did Saul Bellow describe the interview? What did Denis Brian say?

Ans-

Q11. Who was Umberto Eco? Who took Umberto Eco's interview?

Ans-

Q12. How did the writer describe Umberto Eco's written text?

Ans -

Q15. Which book was penned by Umberto Eco and how popular it became?

Ans-

Q16. How did Umberto Eco describe himself?

Ans-

Q17. According to Umberto Eco, how was he more a scholar than a poet?

Ans-

Q18. What has been the prime interest of Umberto Eco and what has he written for children?

Ans-

Q19. What does the book "The Name of the Rose" deal with?

Ans-

Q20. What does the huge success of the book dealing with difficult topics show about the interest of the readers?

Ans-

Q21. How does Umberto Eco describe interstices?

Ans-

V. S Naipaul	
Lewis Carol	
Rudyard Kipling	
H G Wells	
Saul bellow	
Denis Brian	

GOING PLACES- A R BARTON

Q1. Which background did Sophie and Jansie belong to?

Ans-

Q2. What was the future of the two girls earmarked as?

Ans-

Q3. What were Sophie's dreams? How were they far-fetched?

Ans-

Q4. How was Jansie different from Sophie?

Ans-

Q5. Who was Geoff and what job was he pursuing?

Ans -

Q6. How did the writer describe his silent nature?

Ans-

Q7. What did Sophie do to get her brother's attention?

Ans-

Q8. What story was created by Sophie?

Ans-

Q9. What did Sophie add in her story to make it appear more realistic?

Ans-

Q10. What promise did Sophie ask Geoff to do?

Ans-

Q11. How did Geoff betray Sophie's trust?

Ans-

Q12. How did Sophie come to know that Geoff had broken her trust?

Ans-

Q13. How did Sophie react as she feared that she would be ridiculed by all for her false story?

Ans-

Q14. Where did Sophie go and why?

Ans-

Q15. What did Sophie start believing about Danny Casey?

Ans-

Q16. What was the outcome of Sophie's imaginary story?

Ans-

VISTAS
THE THIRD LEVEL
-Jack Finney

- Q1. Who was Charley and who was he married to?
- Q2. What was Charley's hobby and from whom had he inherited that hobby?
- Q3. Who was Sam? How was Charley's hobby described as by Sam?
- Q4. What was Charley's earnest desire?
- Q5. How did Charley describe Grand Central Station?
- Q6. How did Charley reach the third level one day? Did he really reach the third level?
- Q7. What changes Charley observe at third level?[people, spittoons, windows, engine
- Q8. What was the name of the newspaper being sold at the third level? What date was mentioned on it?
- Q9. Why did Charley go to the ticket window at the third level? Which currency Charley offered ?
- Q10. Why was the ticket man offended with Charley? What did he warn Charley of?
- Q11. Why did Charley run away from the third level? What did Charley do to get old currency?
- Q12. Could Charley find the third level again? Why? What were first day covers?
- Q13. What did Charley find when he was going through the first day covers of his grandfather?
- Q14. How was the envelope which Charley found was unusual?
- Q15. Who has written the note to Charley and what was the date mentioned?
- Q16. What was written on the note?
- Q17. What did Charley come to know about Sam later?
- Q18. What did Charley wonder about Sam at Galesburg?

THE TIGER KING- KALKI

Q1. Which kingdom is mentioned?

Ans-

Q3. What was the astrologer's prophecy? How did the astrologers conclude the prophecy?

Ans-

Q4. Which unusual incident surprised everyone?

Ans-

Q5. What did the astrologers disclose about the death of the future king?

Ans-

Q6. How did the infant react about listening to the prophecy of his death in future?

Ans-

Q7. How was the royal baby brought up in the British atmosphere?

Ans-

Q8. What was he reminded of when he grew up as the king?

Ans-

Q9. What did the king do to prove his supremacy over tigers?

Ans-

Q10. By what name the royal boy came to be known as when he grew up?

Ans-

Q11. What did the State astrologer prophesied about the king's death?

Ans-

Q12. What did the State astrologer say that he would do if his prophecy didn't come true?

Ans-

Q13. Who did he show the trophy of his victory and what was that?

Ans-

Q14. What did the tiger king do when he was told that the hundredth tiger would kill him? What did he come to be known as?

Ans-

Q15. Why was the tiger king in fear of losing his kingdom? How was it saved?

Ans-

Q16. What was the real purpose of the tiger king's marriage? How many tigers he had killed by then?

Ans-

Q17. Who found the last tiger and who killed it?

Ans-

Q18. What led to the tiger king's death?

JOURNEY TO THE EARTH- TISHANI DOSHI

Q1. What is " Student on Ice" programme? What did the author tell about her journey?

Ans-

Q2. What was Tishani Doshi's initial reaction on reaching the Antarctica?

Ans-

Q3. When did Gondwana exist and for how long? How were the situation different then?

Ans-

Q4. What is the present situation of flora and fauna in Antarctica? Why is Antarctica still pristine?

Ans -

Q5. How is the rising human population affecting the global temperature?

Ans -

Q6. Why is it important to visit Antarctica ?

Ans-

Q7. "Take care of the small things and the big things will fall into place." How is this parable true at Antarctica?

Ans -

Q8. Why is Antarctica a place to go to ,to understand Earth's present ,past and future?

Ans-

Q9. What are Geoff Green's reasons for including high school students on Ice Expedition?

Ans-

Q10. What are the indications for the future of mankind ?

Ans -

Q11. Describe the impact of Antarctica on the writer.

Ans-

Q12. What is the significance of the title ' Journey to the End of the Earth'.

Ans-

THE ENEMY
-Pearl S. Buck

- Q1. Where was Dr. Sadao's house situated? As a boy, what did Sadao love to do?
- Q2. What was the chief concern of Sadao's father? At what age, Sadao was sent to America?
- Q3. Why was Sadao sent to America? For how long Sadao stayed at America?
- Q4. How did Sadao become famous as? How was Dr. Sadao a doctor as well as scientist?
- Q5. Why was Sadao not sent outside Japan with the troops during the war?
- Q6. What unusual did Dr. Sadao and Hana see one day as they were standing outside their house?
- Q7. What was Dr. Sadao's opinion about the identity of the stranger before going close to him?
- Q8. How did Dr. Sadao make out the identity of the stranger? What did Dr. Sadao observe upon examining the stranger?
- Q9. What was the dilemma of Dr. Sadao and Hana when they encountered the enemy?
- Q10. What was the reaction of the servants when Dr. Sadao and Hana brought the US soldier home?
- Q11. What did Hana ask Yumi to do? Why did Yumi refuse to comply with the order of Hana?
- Q12. What made Hana succumb to the servant's decision?
- Q13. What did Hana remember about General Takima when the operation was going on?
- Q14. What was the first reaction of the wounded soldier after gaining senses?
- Q15. Why had the messengers come to Dr. Sadao's home?
- Q16. Why did the General drop the idea of arresting Dr. Sadao for sheltering the enemy?
- Q17. What promise was made by the General? Why did the General drop the idea of arresting Dr. Sadao for sheltering the enemy?
- Q18. What arrangements were made by Dr. Sadao to let the enemy escape?
- Q19. What did Dr. Sadao tell the General about the enemy? How did the General defend his action of negligence?

ON THE FACE OF IT

-Susan Hill

- Q1. How does Derry enter the garden? What had he thought about it? What had happened to Derry's face?
- Q2. How did people react when they looked at it? What does Mr. Lamb say about weeds and flowers?
- Q3. What did Mr. Lamb tell Derry about his handicap? Why did children call Mr. Lamb 'Lamey Lamb'?
- Q4. How did Mr. Lamb convince Derry of the uselessness of being a recluse?
- Q5. What did Derry overhear his parents talking about his future? How did this affect him?
- Q6. Why does Mr. Lamb advise Derry to stop having feelings of hatred towards the people?
- Q7. What draws Derry to Mr. Lamb? How is Mr. Lamb's concept of a 'friend' different from that of Derry's?
- Q8. What, according to Derry, would happen if Mr. Lamb continued his friendship with him?
- Q9. Why is not Mr. Lamb troubled by the people who stare at him?
- Q10. Why were there no curtains in Mr. Lamb's house?
- Q12. Why did Derry want to go back to Mr. Lamb's Garden?
- Q13. Why does Derry's mother object to his going to Mr. Lamb's house?
- Q15. 'The world's got a whole face....". What does Mr. Lamb mean ?
- Q16. What peculiar things Derry noticed about Mr. Lamb?
- Q17. What realisation comes to Derry about his face at the end of the play?
- Q18. In what sense is the friendship between Mr. Lamb and Derry fruitful?
- Q19. How does Mr Lamb try to remove the baseless fears of Derry?
- Q20. As told by Mr Lamb, why did a man lock himself up in his room and what happened to him?
- Q21. How would people console Derry for his handicap? Mr. Lamb was lonely despite his positive thinking. How?
- Q22. What was the challenge given by Mr. Lamb to Derry?

POETRY
MY MOTHER AT SIXTY-SIX
-Kamla Das

- Q1. Where was the poet going?
- Q2. Who was with the poet in the car?
- Q3. What was the mother doing?
- Q4. How did the mother look like?
- Q5. What comparison the poet made as she looked at the mother in the car? Why?
- Q6. Why did the poet start looking outside the window?
- Q7. Why did the poet want to divert her mind?
- Q8. What did the poet see outside the window of the car?
- Q9. Why did the trees appear running to the poet?
- Q10. Why is the word "sprinting" is used for the trees?
- Q11. Why are the trees called as young? What do the trees symbolize?
- Q12. What were the children doing? What do the children symbolize?
- Q13. Why has the poet drawn the images of trees and children?
- Q14. What did the poet observe after the security check at the airport?
- Q15. What comparison the poet made with the pale and dull look of the mother?
- Q16. What were the parting words of the poet?
- Q17. Why did the poet smile and smile?
- Q18. Mention the poetic devices:
- Ashen like corpse
 - Sprinting trees
 - Young trees and merry children
 - Like late winters moon
 - Smile and smile

KEEPING QUIET

-Pablo Neruda

- Q1. What is the significance of counting till twelve?
- Q2. What does the poet want to do after counting twelve?
- Q3. What are the examples of destructive activities given by the poet?
- Q4. What will people do during silence?
- Q5. How does the poet justify inactivity?
- Q6. Which sadness the poet talks about?
- Q7. What example of the earth the poet has taken?
- Q8. On which note the poem ends?
- Q9. How, according to Neruda, can keeping quiet change our attitude to life?
- Q10. What are the different kinds of wars mentioned in the poem?
- Q11. How would keeping quiet affect the life in and around the sea?
- Q12. 'Life is what it is about; How is keeping quiet related to life?
- Q13. Why does one feel 'a sudden strangeness' on counting to twelve and keeping quiet?
- Q14. What does the poet mean by saying 'victory with no survivors'?
- Q15. What is the central theme of the poem?
- Q16. Which poetic device is used in "without rush, without engines"?
- Q17. Which poetic device is used in "cold sea"?
- Q18. Which poetic device is used in "his hurt hands"?
- Q19. Which poetic devices is used in "count to twelve and we will all keep still"?
- Q20. Which poetic device is used in "mighty dead"?

Explain:

1. We all will be together in a sudden strangeness.
2. It will be an exotic moment.
3. Will put on clean clothes and walk with their brothers.
4. I want no truck with death.
5. sadness of never understanding each other.

A THING OF BEAUTY

- John Keats

- Q1. How are the natural things described as?
- Q2. What are the functions of the natural things?
- Q3. What spreads the pall of despondence over our dark spirits? How is it removed?
- Q4. What examples of natural things are mentioned? Why has the sheep been called as simple?
- Q5. What future lies in store for the mighty dead?
- Q6. What is the immortal drink and who pours unto us? What message is given in the poem?
- Q7. Why does a thing of beauty never pass into nothingness?
- Q8. What does Keats consider an endless fountain of immortal drink?
- Q9. What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings?
- Q10. What is the 'endless fountain' and what is its effect?
- Q11. What images does the poet use to describe the beautiful bounty of the Earth?
- Q12. What does the line, 'Therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth' suggest to you?
- Q13. Why do we need sweet dreams, health and quiet breathing in our lives?
- Q14. What images does the poet use to convey that beauty is everlasting?
- Q15. "Some shape of beauty moves away the pall from our dark spirits." Which poetic device is used here?
- Q16. What are the circumstances that contribute towards making humans unhappy and disillusioned with life?
- Q17. The poem is an excerpt from which poem?
- Q18. Which poetic devices are used in "cooling covert" and "old and young"?

THE ROADSIDE STAND

-ROBERT FROST

- Q1. Where is the roadside stand ?
 - Q2. What do the shack owners desire for?
 - Q3. Why does the refined traffic stop ?[reasons]
 - Q4. What is the poet's opinion about the rich people?
 - Q5. What are the phrases used for the wild berries and why?
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- Q1. What tall promises are made by the developers and civic authorities?
- Q2. Why have the promises been called as tall?
- Q3. How has the poet addressed the rich and why?
- Q4. How are the poor harmed more than being helped?
- Q5. Why do the vehicles stop near the shacks?
- Q6. Which childish longing is mentioned?
- Q7. What does the poet wish for ?
- Q8. Why does the poet dismiss the idea?

AUNT JENNIFERS TIGERS

-Adrienne Rich

- Q1. How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers described as?
- Q2. How is Aunt Jennifer's life different from her tigers?
- Q3. Why has the poet used the phrases massive weight and sits heavily?
- Q4. Why do Aunt Jennifer's fingers flutter?
- Q5. What will happen when Aunt Jennifer is dead?
- Q6. What are the tigers symbolic of?
- Q7. What are the ordeals that Aunt Jennifer faced in her life?
- Q8. How does Aunt Jennifer express her bitterness and anger against male dominance?
- Q9. What will happen to Aunt Jennifer's tigers when she is dead?
- Q10. What lies heavily on Aunt Jennifer's hand? How is it associated with her husband?
- Q11. Why did Aunt Jennifer choose to embroider tigers on the panel?
- Q12. How do the words, 'denizens' and 'chivalric' add to our understanding of Aunt Jennifer's tigers?
- Q13. Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her own character?
- Q14. What picture of male chauvinism (tyranny) do we find in the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'?
- Q15. Which poetic device is used in "Bright topaz denizens" and "world of green"?
- Q16. Which poetic device is used in "The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band"?
- Q17. Which poetic device is used in "Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering"?
- Q18. Which poetic device is used in "Prancing proud" and "terrified hands"?

ALL THE BEST!!