

Have you any friends?
Who is your fast friend?
How do you feel in his/her company?



Let's read this poem:

Although you live far away from me,
I always feel you are always with me.
I love to share my happiness with you,
I love to share my sadness with you.

To me you are an idol of glee,
And my friendship means a lot to me.
You are an ocean of happiness; you are a pond of joy,
You are the rays of sunshine that bring amusement to me.

I share my thoughts with you,
Because you are such a wonderful person around.
My life would have been a tragedy without you,
I am lucky to have a friend like you.

-Rashmi

Glossary :

idol	:	statue
glee	:	feeling of happiness and excitement
ocean	:	sea
amusement	:	fun, entertainment
tragedy	:	sad event or situation

Activity I**1. Choose the correct alternative:**

- i. The poet's friend lives..... the poet.
a. near b. behind c. away from d. close to
- ii. The poet loves to share her..... with her friend.
a. bread and butter b. sadness and happiness
c. bag and books d. games
- iii. The poet shares her thoughts with her friend because her friend is.....
a. shy b. beautiful c. charming d. wonderful
- iv. brought amusement to my life.
a. sadness b. sunshine c. friend d. sun
- v. The rhyming word for 'glee' is.....
a. you b. me c. around d. life

2. Complete the sentences from the poem:

- i.away from me.
- ii. And my friendship mean
- iii. Because you are such
- iv. a friend like you.

3. Answer these questions:

- i. Name the poet.
- ii. What does the poet love to share with her friend?

- iii. What has been the source of amusement for the poet?
- iv. What lesson does this poem give?
- v. 'My life would have been a tragedy without you'. Why?

Activity II

1. Fill in the blanks with words given in the brackets:

share, idol, oceans, amusement, pond

- i. Our country is surrounded by three.....
- ii. Theof Lord Krishna is very charming.
- iii. There is a bigin the fort of Chittorgarh, namely-
Gau-Mukh Kund.
- iv. Good children..... their plans with their friends.
- v. A water-park is a kind of modernpark.

2. Rearrange the letters to form meaningful words:

- I. dllo-----
- ii. papyh-----
- iii. arshe-----
- iv. cenao-----
- v. nopd-----
- vi. inerdf-----

Activity III

1. Find out the rhyming words that appear in the poem.

- I.
- ii.
- iii.
- iv.

(The rhyming words are the ones that end in the same sound /syllable mostly at the end of a line in the poem e.g. *hard-yard*, *soar-boar*)

2. Study the following sentences:

- I. Lala Lajpat Rai was the lion of Punjab..
- ii. SardarVallabhBhai Patel is the iron man of Hindustan.

Now find out any two such examples from the poem.

- I.
- ii.

3. a. Find out one such poem in your mother tongue and recite it in the classroom.

b. Write five sentences about your best friend.

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