



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH 2023-2024

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WORKSHEET - THE BALL POEM

Read the extract and answer the following questions.

1. What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do? I saw it go
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
Merrily over there, it is in the water!

i) The extract suggests that the poet is

- a) an onlooker observing
- b) a parent recounting the incident
- c) the boy talking about himself
- d) imagining the incident

2. The poet seems to have indicated the merry bouncing of the ball to

- a) create a sense of rhythm in these lines.
- b) support the happiness of the experience of playing.
- c) contrast with the dejected feeling of the boy.
- d) indicate the cheerful mood of the boy.

3. Define 'epistemology'.

4. What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,

What, what is he to do? I saw it go
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
Merrily over – there it is in the water!

No use to say – 'O there are other balls'

- (a) What has happened to the boy?
- (b) Why does the poet say 'No use to say – 'O there are other balls'?
- (c) Which word means 'happily'?
- (d) Where did the ball go?

5. What does John Berryman want to convey through this poem?