

DAFFODILS

Warm Up



Daffodils are very common flowers in England.

You are about to read a famous poem called Daffodils. It was written by William Wordsworth, an English poet.

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,

Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they

Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:

A poet could not but be gay,

In such a jocund company:

I gazed—and gazed—but little thought

What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie

In vacant or in pensive mood,

They flash upon that inward eye

Which is the bliss of solitude;

And then my heart with pleasure fills,

And dances with the daffodils.



Vocabulary

vales: valleys, land at a low level between mountains, often with a river running through it

jocund: cheerful, lighthearted, or merry

marge: a poetic term for margin or edge, often referring to the border of a lake or body of water

couch: in the context of the poem, it refers to a bed of flowers or a place where something is laid to rest

host: in this context means a large number or a crowd

fluttering: moving lightly and quickly

glee: great delight, happiness, or joy

dales: valleys

ten thousand I saw at a glance: the speaker uses hyperbole to emphasize a large number; it doesn't mean that there were actually ten thousand daffodils!

pensive: engaged in deep or serious thought

oft: poetic usage of the word "often"

A. Fill in the blanks to write the summary of the poem.

The poet tells us how he once saw many _____, beautiful daffodils growing beside a lake. In their company, he felt _____ and was lost in their beauty. He continued to gaze at the _____. He felt as though they were _____ in the wind. The poet compares the daffodils to _____ that twinkle on the Milky Way. Afterwards, whenever he was lonely or sad, the memory of these beautiful flowers filled him with great happiness. His heart began to dance with the dancing daffodils.

- B. Choose the most appropriate answer.
1. What is the central theme of the poem "Daffodils" by William Wordsworth?
 - a. the poet's love for nature
 - b. the poet's walk in a garden
 - c. the poet's dislike of nature
 - d. the poet's hatred for cities
 2. In the poem, the poet compares his loneliness to the loneliness of
 - a. a cloud
 - b. the daffodils
 - c. the valley

- d. the trees
- 3. The speaker describes encountering a field of daffodils. They are close to a:
 - a. mountain
 - b. river
 - c. lake
 - d. meadow
- 4. How does the sight of the daffodils affect the speaker's mood and emotions?
 - a. It makes him sad
 - b. It fills him with joy
 - c. It makes him angry
 - d. It leaves him unaffected
- 5. According to the poem, the memory of the daffodils serves as a source of:
 - a. regret
 - b. happiness
 - c. sorrow
 - d. fear

C. Answer the questions below

1. Describe the setting in which the speaker encounters the field of daffodils in the poem "Daffodils" by William Wordsworth.

2. How do the daffodils make the poet feel?
Why do you think they make him feel this?
3. What does the word 'host' mean in this poem?
4. Have you ever felt happy after seeing a whole lot of flowers?

D. The poet compares himself to a cloud in the line, 'I wandered lonely as a cloud'. To make the comparison he uses a simile. A simile is a poetical device used to compare two things, typically using the words "like," or "as,"
Use 'as' or 'like' to make these comparisons.

1. Pretty _____ a picture. (meaning very pretty)
2. The flower is yellow _____ the sun.
3. He looks exactly _____ his father.
4. Cold _____ ice.
5. White _____ snow.
6. Tall _____ a giraffe.
7. My brother runs _____ the wind.
8. The thunder sounded _____ a bomb.

E. Use words from the box to complete these sentences.

jocund	dale	marge	couch	glee
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1. Kavita sat on the _____ of the pond, dipping her toes into the cool water.
2. The sight of colourful balloons filled us with _____ and made us smile happily.
3. The kitten found a cozy _____ of soft leaves under the tree to take a nap.
4. The children were in a _____ mood as they played in the park, laughing and running around.
5. In the _____ behind their school, the students discovered a beautiful field of wildflowers.

F. Make sentences with the words given under 'Vocabulary'.