CBSE Class – 7 English
NCERT solution
Honeycomb Chapter – 8
Meadow Surprise – Poem

Working with the Poem

Question 1.   Read the lines in which the following phrases occur. Then discuss with your partner the meaning of each phrase in its context.
(i)   velvet grass
(ii)   drinking straws
(iii)   meadow houses
(iv)   amazing mound
(v)   fuzzy head

Solution:
(i)   Velvet grass – The grass which feels as soft as velvet under our feet.
(ii)   drinking straws – The long narrow tube that a butterfly uses to suck nectar from the flowers.
(iii)   meadow houses – Home of small animals and insects that live in grasslands and open fields, like burrows and holes, nests and ants' mounds.
(iv)   fuzzy head – The head of a dandelion flower, made up of many small golden yellow flowers that get dried up and blown away by air as small little parachutes.

Question 2.   Which line in the poem suggests that you need a keen eye and a sharp ear to enjoy a meadow? Read aloud the stanza that contains this line.
Solution:
The line asking to be alert to enjoy being in the meadow is
"You may discover these yourself, If you look and listen well."
The line is in the stanza below: "Oh! Meadows have surprises
And many things to tell;
You may discover these yourself, If you look and listen well."

Question 3.   Find pictures of the kinds of birds, insects and scenes mentioned in the poem.
Solution:
Students should do this themselves. They can collect the pictures of butterflies, rabbits, ants, birds etc. and use them.

Question 4.   Watch a tree or a plant, or walk across a field or park at the same time everyday for a week. Keep a diary of what you see and hear. At the end of the week, write a short paragraph or a poem about your experiences. Put your writing up on the class bulletin board.

Solution:

Students should attempt this themselves. However, if a demand for help in this context is raised by the readers of this website, our team will look into it and provide necessary help.