

CBSE Class – 7 English
NCERT solution
Honeycomb Chapter – 9
Garden Snake – Poem

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Working with the Poem

Question 1. Answer the following questions.

- (i) Pick out the line that suggests that the child is afraid of snakes.**
- (ii) Which line shows a complete change of the child’s attitude towards snakes?
Read it aloud.**
- (iii) “But mother says that kind is good...” What is mother referring to?**

Solution:

- (i)** The line that suggests that the child is afraid of snakes is ‘I saw a snake and ran away...’
- (ii)** The line that shows a change in the child’s attitude is - ‘I’ll stand aside and watch him pass,
And tell myself,
“There’s no mistake,
It’s just a harmless garden snake!”’
- (iii)** The mother is referring to the garden snake, saying it is the harmless kind of snake.

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Question 2. Find the word that refers to the snake’s movements in the grass.

Solution:

‘Wiggles’ is the word that refers to the snake’s movements in the grass.

Question 3. There are four pairs of rhyming words in the poem. Say them aloud.

Solution:

The four pairs are

- (i)** away - say
- (ii)** good - food
- (iv)** grass - pass
- (iv)** mistake - snake

Question 4. A snake has no legs or feet, but it moves very fast. Can you guess how?

Discuss in the group.

Solution:

A snake has no legs or feet, but it moves very fast as it slithers over the grass. This is done by alternately contracting and relaxing its body’s muscles.

Question 5. Can you recall the word used for a cobra's long sharp teeth? Where did you come across this word first?

Solution:

The word 'fangs' is used for cobra's sharp teeth. They contain poison. So all poisonous snakes have fangs. I first came across this word when my mother asked me to take care while playing in bushy areas, as I may get bitten by a poisonous snake.