

## Poem

Thomas is reading a poem. Read the poem.

**Daddy Fell into the Pond**

Alfred Noyes

Everyone **grumbled**. The sky was grey.  
We had nothing to do and nothing to say.  
We were nearing the end of a **dismal** day,  
And there seemed to be nothing **beyond**,

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THEN

Daddy fell into the pond!

And everyone's face grew **merry** and bright,  
And Timothy danced for **sheer** delight.

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"Give me the camera, quick, oh quick!  
He's **crawling** out of the **duckweed**."

Click!

Then the gardener suddenly slapped his knee,  
And doubled up, shaking silently,

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And the ducks all quacked as if they were **daft**  
And it sounded as if the old **drake** laughed.

O, there wasn't a thing that didn't **respond**

WHEN

Daddy fell into the pond!

A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences and blacken the correct circles.

1. At the start of the poem, the poet is feeling:



A.



B.



C.



D.



2. Around what time of the day is it?

- A. dawn
- B. morning
- C. midday
- D. afternoon

3. Read line 3. What does the word "dismal" mean?

- A. happy
- B. hot
- C. cold
- D. gloomy

4. Why do you think the word "then" (line 5) is written in capitals?

- A. Because there is only one word in that line.
- B. Because it is the short form of a longer word.
- C. Because the poet is excited and is yelling the word "then".
- D. Because the poet is scared and is yelling the word "then".

5. Why did everyone's face grow "merry and bright" (line 7)?

- A. It was very hot.
- B. Something funny happened.
- C. They ate something yummy.
- D. They were smiling for a photo.

6. Who does "He" in "He's crawling out of the duckweed" (line 10) refer to? Give a short answer.

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7. What makes the "click" sound in line 11? Give a short answer.

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8. Which of the following is TRUE?

- A. The gardener slapped his knee to stop it from shaking.
- B. The gardener was laughing so hard that he was shaking.
- C. The ducks were going to be eaten by Daddy.
- D. Daddy jumped into the pond to catch ducks.

9. Find two words that rhyme in the poem. Give short answers.

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10. Write numbers (1 - 5) in the boxes below in the order in which the events happened. (1 = happened first)

	i) Everyone becomes happy and delighted.
	ii) The day is boring and grim.
	iii) The camera goes "click"!
	iv) Daddy falls into the pond.
	v) Timothy does a happy dance.

B. Fill in the blanks by using the following vocabularies.

Grumble	Dismal	Beyond	Merry	Sheer
Crawl	Duckweed	Daft	Drake	Respond

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ to me about her job.
2. His success was due to \_\_\_\_\_ determination.
3. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ idea. I don't support it.
4. Few people live \_\_\_\_\_ the age of a hundred.
5. The baby has just learned to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A male duck is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. We wish you a \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.
8. How did she \_\_\_\_\_ to the news?
9. Today was a \_\_\_\_\_ day because I lost my wallet.
10. Can you see the \_\_\_\_\_ on the surface of the pool?

