

NCERT Solutions for Class 6 English Chapter 6 Poem The Wonderful Words

Working with the Poem

Question 1. With your partner, complete the following sentences in your own words using the ideas in the poem.

(i) Do not let a thought shrivel and die because _____

(ii) English is a _____ with words that everyone can play.

(iii) One has to match _____

(iv) Words are the _____ of thought.

Answer:

(i) Do not let a thought shrivel and die because **you do not know how to say it.**

(ii) English is a **wonderful game** with words that everyone can play.

(iii) One has to match **the words to the brightest thoughts in one's head.**

(iv) Words are the **food and dress** of thought.

Question 2. In groups of four discuss the following lines and their meanings.

(i) All that you do is match the words

To the brightest thoughts in your head

(ii) For many of the loveliest things
Have never yet been said

(iii) And everyone's longing today to hear
Some fresh and beautiful thing

(iv) But only words can free a thought
From its prison behind your eyes

Answer:

(i) These lines mean that if you have a thought in your mind and you don't know how to say it, you should just use English words to choose the best words that express your thought accurately.

(ii) The poet is saying that there are many beautiful things that nobody has written about yet. It's not right to think that everything good has already been said by someone.

(iii) People always appreciate new thoughts or ideas because everyone is looking forward to them.

(iv) The human mind is like a big treasure where all thoughts and ideas come from. To express those thoughts or ideas, we need to use words.