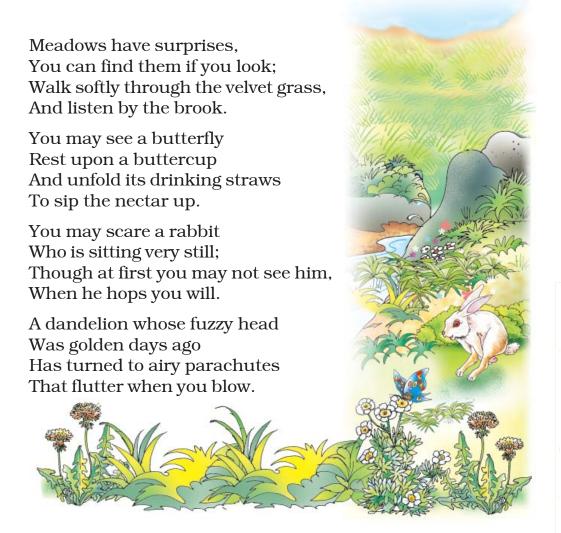
## Meadow Surprises



Walk across a green field, a park or even under a clump of trees, and you will notice many wonderful things. What are some of the surprises a meadow has for someone with a keen eye and a sharp ear?





Explore the meadow houses, The burrows in the ground, A nest beneath tall grasses, The ant's amazing mound.

Oh! Meadows have surprises And many things to tell; You may discover these yourself, If you look and listen well.

LOIS BRANDT PHILLIPS

## Working with the Poem

- 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
- 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.
- 3. Find pictures of the kinds of birds, insects and scenes mentioned in the poem.
- 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.





Read the following poem about the world of nature, which is as busy as the world of human beings.

## **Busy World**

Bees are buzzing, frogs are hopping,

Moles are digging. There's no stopping

Vines from climbing, grass from growing,

Birds from singing, winds from blowing,

Buds from blooming. Bees are humming,

Sunbeams dancing, raindrops drumming.

All the world is whirling, dizzy,

Summertime is very busy!

Frances Gorman Risser

## **Delivery Delayed**

Answer

The postman started moving round the tree in circles. The dog followed him, but as he did so, his leash got wrapped around the tree. The postman then safely walked up to the front door.