



Reading Toolkit: Grade 5 Objective 3.A.4.b

Student Handout: Reading: Grade 5 Objective 3.A.4.b

Standard 3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text

Topic A. Comprehension of Literary Text

Indicator 4. Analyze elements of poetry to facilitate understanding and interpretation

Objective b. Identify and explain the meaning of words, lines, and stanzas

Assessment Limits:

Literal versus figurative meaning

Selected Response (SR) Item

Question

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Correct Answer

B. he is not aware of his surroundings

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Winter Blades

By Douglas Florian

No more summer blades of grass.
Now on blades of steel we pass.
Blades to glide with greatest ease
Or carve out great geometries.
Blades for hockey.
Blades for speed.
Blades of steel to steal a lead,
To spin until our senses reel.
Winter blades are made of steel.