

## ***Don't be afraid of the dark (poem)***

- ***Some unanswered questions have been given. Answer those in your own words.***

***Word meaning;***

***afraid-feeling fear***

***I am afraid of snakes.***

***dark-having no light***

***It is a dark night.***

***rest-to relax***

***You should take rest after a long journey.***

***harsh-extremely strong/cruel***

***His voice is harsh.***

***forever- continuously***

***I will stay with you forever.***

***trouble- difficulty***

***There are many troubles in our society.***

***cease-come to an end***

***He ordered his men to cease the fire.***

***Question and answer:***

1. ***What is the poem about?***

***The poem is about children's fear of darkness of the night and how to overcome that fear.***

2. ***What happens when the day is over?***

***When the day gets over, the sky gets dark, the sun goes down, the moon and stars come in the sky.***

3. ***What does the earth do when the day is over?***

***The earth takes rest when the day is over.***

4. **What does the poet want us to do at night?**

*The poet wants us to be friendly with night and tells us to think of friends.*

5. **What does the poet say to get rid of the fear of darkness?**

• **Are these sentences True or False**

a. *The poet tells the child to be afraid when it is dark.- False*

b. *The poet says that stars will always shine at night.-True*

c. *The poet tells the child to think of friends after it is dark.-*

d. *The poet says that the earth must rest when the day is over.-*

• **Reference to context**

1. *“The sun must be harsh, but moonlight-never!*

*And those stars will be shining forever and ever.”*

a. **Name the poem and poet of the above lines.**

*Name of the poem is Don't be afraid of the dark and poet is Ruskin Bond.*

b. **Is the moonlight harsh?**

*No, moonlight is calm and soothing.*

c. **What do the stars do ?**

*The stars shine at night.*

d. **What is the meaning of harsh?**

*Cruel*

2. *“Be friends with the Night, there is nothing to fear,*

*Just let your thoughts travel to friends far and near”*

a. **Name the poem and poet of the above lines.**

*Don't be afraid of the dark, Ruskin Bond*

b. **What does the poet want to say in the first line?**

*The poet says not to get afraid of the dark be friendly with night.*

c. **Why does the poet say to think about your friends at night?**

*To get rid of the fear.*

d. **What is the opposite meaning of fear?**

**Confidence.**

**3." Don't be afraid of the dark, little one,  
The earth must rest when the day is done."**

- a. Name the poem and poet of the above lines.**
  - b. Who is the little one here?**
  - c. What does the earth do at night?**
  - d. Write the opposite meaning of afraid?**
- Imagine you are in the sky playing with the moon and stars & watching the earth in moonlight- Draw a picture.**