

# Poetry

Read this selection. Then answer the questions that follow it.  
Fill in the circle of the correct answer on your answer document.

## An Unwelcome Guest



- 1 A wild, gray guest blows into town  
And people pull their windows down.  
Rushing up and down the streets,  
It shoves at everyone it meets.
- We race inside and slam our doors.
- 6 The angry guest shrieks and roars.  
“This storm,” we cry, “is more than rain!  
It has become a hurricane!”
- Denied our hospitality,
- 10 The guest tears through our fair city,  
It rips the branches off the trees  
And flings them in the street like skis.
- Its greenish clouds swirl and burst.  
Its manners are the very worst!  
It serves us rain—a watery dish.
- 16 Streets are streams and cars are fish.
- After putting out most every light  
And keeping us awake all night,  
The storm departs, a most rude guest,
- 20 Leaving us to clean its mess.

**Tip**

Notice how the poem rhymes  
and uses rhythm.

**Tip**

Find the metaphor used in  
line 16. Notice how this image  
helps you understand the poem.

**GO ON** 

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TEKS 4.2B, 4.3A, 4.4,  
4.6B, 4.8, RC-4(D)

1 How can you tell that "An Unwelcome Guest" is poetry?

- A It includes dialogue.
- B It is divided into stanzas.
- C It has characters and a plot.
- D It tells about important events in an author's life.

TEKS 4.4

2 What does the word shrieks mean in line 6?

- F Laughs
- G Asks
- H Sings
- J Screams

TEKS 4.2B

**Tip**

Use clues in the surrounding text to help you understand a word's meaning.

3 How do the residents of the city react to the "guest"?

- A They fight against it.
- B They welcome it.
- C They run from it.
- D They ask it to return.

TEKS 4.6B

4 Why does the poet compare cars to fish?

- F To show that the cars are in water
- G To show that the cars are blue
- H To explain how cars can ride on water
- J To explain why the cars are full of fish

TEKS 4.8

5 The poem includes a message about the—

- A power of a storm
- B need to work together
- C excitement of a new adventure
- D importance of fixing past mistakes

TEKS 4.3A

Inference	Text Evidence 1	Text Evidence 2
The storm is dangerous.	The storm rips branches off trees.	

Which of these belongs in the empty box?

- F The storm blows into town.
- G The storm leaves a mess.
- H The storm has greenish clouds.
- J The storm floods the city.

TEKS RC-4(D)

