

Now go back to Day 1 text answer the questions and check your answers.

1. How does the author show that summer is here in the first verse? Name at least 4 ways.
2. What does the phrase ‘before green apples blush suggest?
3. **Find and copy** one word that means to make a continuous low sound.
4. Why is Autumn described as a weather-cock?
5. Give three reasons why summer is preferred to winter by the author.
6. Explain why the author switches to winter in the third verse when the poem is about summer.

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1. How does the author show that summer is here in the first verse?  
She mentions about the blue-black beetles doing business, the gnats fly in a host(group), furry caterpillars hasten quickly, the ladybirds arrive
2. What does the phrase 'before green apples blush suggest? Before the apples turn pale pink as autumn hurries in.
3. **Find and copy** one word that means to make a continuous low sound. drone
4. Why is Autumn described as a weather-cock? It is a time of turning to and fro as days become cooler just like a weather instrument
5. Give three reasons why summer is preferred to winter by the author. The author prefers summer because: every leaf is on the tree; people are marrying; the larks are singing; there are wide fields with lillies; spiders swing on their webs
6. Explain why the author switches to winter in the third verse when the poem is about summer. She is trying to explain the contrast between the cold, dark winter days to the busy, warm happy days of summer.