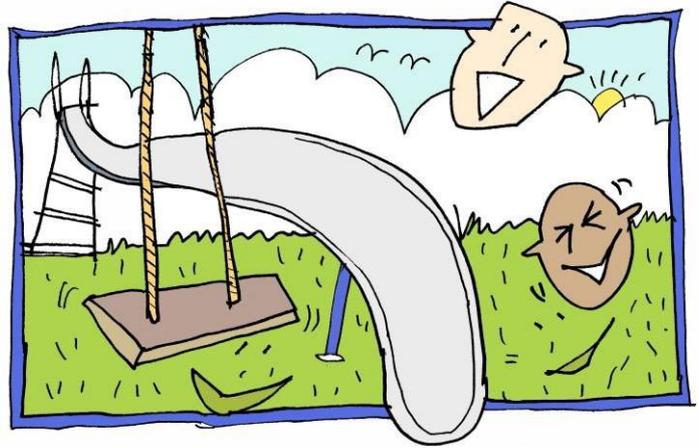


Thursday

Read the text again Lockdown Park and answer the questions.

Lockdown Park

Cawston Park watches
and waits.
Suddenly, squealing
children enter, laughing.
The rope swing giggles
The slide smiles.
The trampoline **tenses**. A
child **clutches** the thick,
frayed rope and
swings and sways over the soft sand, shrieking.



Another child skids down the slide, grinding to a sudden halt.
The gentle thump, thump, thump of a distant trampoline
provides a steady heartbeat.
Steel springs squeak in **rhythm**, providing a welcome tune.
Cawston Park sighs and smiles.

Lockdown Park watches and waits.
Suddenly, a sign arrives with **shackles**.
No squeals. No laughter. No children.
The rope swing stares.
The slide glares.
The trampoline **slackens**.
No one clutches the thick, frayed rope.
No one swings and sways over the soft, yellow
sand.



The house watches and waits.
Suddenly, a child enters squealing and laughing.
The TV stares.
The mat smiles.

The table **awaits**.

A child stretches and strains, watching TV PE.

Weekly street clapping provides a new heartbeat.

Steel saucepans and wooden spoons provide a new clanging tune.

A child clutches an **array** of thick, coloured crayons and creates. Red. Orange. Yellow. Green...

Something to display in the window of hope.

Lockdown Park



watches and waits

1. What did you like about the poem?

I liked the PART where ...

because ...

2. What surprised you?

I WAS surprised when ...

BECAUSE

...

3. What did the poem make you think about?

The poem MADE me think ABOUT...

because

...

4. What do think this poem is really about?

Underline the answer that you think is the best fit.

Playing in the park.

A lonely, miserable park.

How our world has changed.

Happy TVs and mats.

5. How do you think the writer felt as he wrote the poem?

6. Why do you think the writer said 'The slide glares'?

7. What is the writer referring to in the last verse? Do you miss this? Why?

8. How do you feel now that the park is no longer on locked down? Why?