

Answer these questions about the poem.

1. What is this poem about?

*It is about a train's journey uphill and downhill.*

2. a. Is it easier for the train to go uphill or downhill?

*It's easier to go downhill.*

- b. Copy the words from the poem that show this.

*'as quickly she tore along'.*

3. Tick the most suitable explanation for why the author says that the train "laboured with a will". Tick one.

*It was determined to reach the top.*

4. "The wheels all joined in the engine's joy". Why is the engine happy?

*The train is happy because it reached the top and now it is racing down the hill.*

5. Why is the song of the engine different when it is going up and going down?

*The engine finds it hard to go uphill but easier to go downhill.*

6. In the last stanza, the author uses several words which start with the same letter. This is called alliteration. Find these sets of words.

a. *'rickety rickety rack'.*

b. *'roaring rushing race'.*

7. Do you think the title of the poem is suitable?

a. Underline YES NO

b. If you had to give another title, what would it be?

*Varied answers.*

