

Answer these questions about the poem.

1. What is this poem about?

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

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

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

It was willing to stop the journey.

It was determined to reach the top.

It was tired and needed a rest.

4. “The wheels all joined in the engine’s joy”. Why is the engine happy?

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

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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. \_\_\_\_\_.

b. \_\_\_\_\_.

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?

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