Think About It!

CLOSE-READING QUESTIONS: Read the poem “Make up your mind, March!” in the March/April 2020 issue. Then go back and reread sections of the poem to answer the questions below.

1. Which words rhyme in the first stanza?

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2. What kind of March weather does the poet describe in the first two lines?

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3. What kind of weather does the poet describe in the stanza’s last two lines?

4. Which words rhyme in the second stanza?
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5. In the second stanza, what is March asked to do that a person usually does?

6. What does the poet ask March to pick?
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7. Which words rhyme in the third stanza?

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8. Why does the poet describe April as March's buddy?

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9. What kind of weather is April rooting for?

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10. Do you think “Make up your mind, March!” is a good title for this poem? Explain.

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Personification means writing about non-human things as if they were people. Think about how the poet uses personification in “Make up your mind, March!” and what she is saying about the month of March.

Reread the title of the poem. What is the poet asking the month of March to do?

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Which word in the title shows that the poet thinks that the month of March is acting like a person?

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What other non-human thing behaves like a person in the poem? (Hint: It’s a friend of March’s.)

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Find three more words or phrases in the poem that are examples of personification:

1.___________________________________________________________________

2.___________________________________________________________________

3.___________________________________________________________________

In your own words, describe what is happening in the poem.

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Write Your Own Poem

Write your own spring poem using personification. Follow the steps below to get started.

Pick a Subject

Choose a non-human springtime thing to write about. For example, you might choose a kite, a mud puddle, or your bicycle.

My poem is about ____________________________________________________________.

Personification

Thinks of two human activities the subject of your poem might do. For example, a kite could dance between the clouds, or a mud puddle could invite you to stomp in it. Write your examples on the lines below:

1. __________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________

Put It All Together

Use your subject and your examples of personification to write your own poem.

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