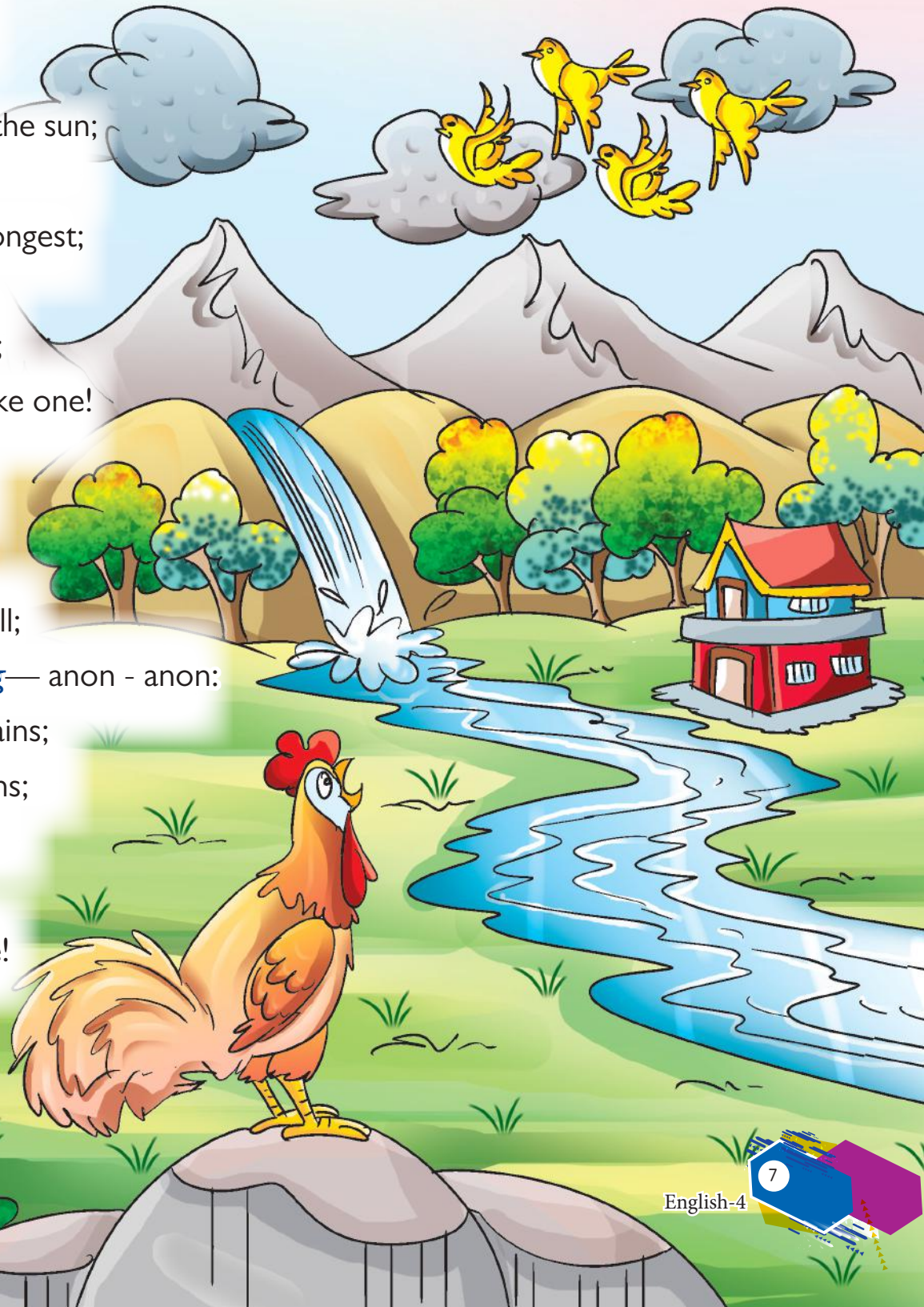


# A Beautiful Day

The cock is crowing,  
 The stream is flowing,  
 The small birds *twitter*,  
 The lake doth *glitter*  
 The green field sleeps in the sun;  
 The oldest and youngest  
 Are at work with the strongest;  
 The cattle are grazing,  
 Their heads never raising;  
 There are forty feeding like one!  
 Like an army defeated  
 The Snow hath *retreated*,  
 And now doth *fare ill*  
 On the top of the bare hill;  
 The *Ploughboy* is *whooping*— anon - anon:  
 There's joy in the mountains;  
 There's life in the fountains;  
 Small clouds are sailing,  
 Blue sky *prevailing*;  
 The rain is over and gone!

—William Wordsworth



## New Word

twitter : utter or express

retreated : moved away

ploughboy : a boy who leads the animals that draw a plough

prevailing : is the general plough condition

glitter : sparkle

fare ill : exist with difficulty

whooping : travelling



## EXERCISE TIME

### Comprehension Skills

#### A. Multiple choice questions (MCQs). Tick (✓) the correct word :

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is crowing

a. hen

b. crow

c. cock

2. The small \_\_\_\_\_ twitter

a. birds

b. monkey

c. rats

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ are grazing.

a. birds

b. cattle

c. monkeys

#### B. Match the following :

1. grazing

stream

2. crowing

ploughboy

3. twittering

cattle

4. flowing

cock

5. sleeping

birds

#### C. Answer the following questions :

1. Who are the people working ?

2. What does this line mean : 'There are forty feeding like one' ?

3. Which season does the poem describe ?

### Essential Grammar

#### D. Find and write five words from the poem that have two consonants at the beginning. Encircle the letters that stand for the consonant sounds :

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## Fun with Words

E. Complete the table of rhyming words :

Cue word	rhyming word from the poem	your own rhyming word
flowing		
twitter		
prevailing		
defeated		
hill		

## Essential Speaking

F. Sing the song of 'A Beautiful Day' sweetly :

## Essential Writing

G. Describe a beautiful day in the place where you live. Include these :  
The weather, the scenery and anything else you like about the day.

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## Fun to Do

H. List six things that make a place dirty and ugly. What can we do to make our places beautiful :

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_