

Where Go The Boats

Dark brown is the river,
Golden is the sand.
It flows along for ever,
With trees *on either hand*.

Green leaves *afloating*,
Castles of the *foam*,
Boats of mine *a-boating*—
Where will all come home?

On goes the river,
And out past the mill,
Away down the valley,
Away down the hill.

Away down the river,
A hundred miles or more,
Other little children
Shall bring my boats *ashore*.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



New Word

on either hand : on both sides (of the river)

aboating : (here) going on the river

foam : white bubbles on a wave

ashore : to shore (side of the river)



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

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

1. Dark _____ is the river.

a. brown

b. blue

c. black

2. Golden is the _____

a. band

b. land

c. sand

3. Where will all come _____?

a. school

b. field

c. home

4. Always _____ the river.

a. down

b. up

c. above

B. Answer the following questions :

1. Which line of the poem tells us that the river will never stop flowing?
2. According to the speaker, what are the things floating on the river?
3. Where does the river flow?
4. The speaker thinks that its boats will go a hundred miles or more. Do you think a paper boat will go that far? Who, the speaker hope, will bring his boats home?

Fun with Words

C. Say these words aloud. Pay attention to 'k' sounds :

ticket, click, bucket, pluck, brick



Essential Grammar

D. Pick all the words that show movement and write here :

Essential Speaking

E. Discuss about the usefulness of boat in the modern age.

Essential Writing

F. Write ten sentences about the ship :



Fun to Do

G. The poet expresses the delights of childhood, the joy that a child can get out of just floating paper boats along a river. Draw the scene of a flowing river with trees along the banks. Make paper boats and stick them here :
