

# The Rainbow

Boats *sail* on the rivers,  
And ships sail on the seas;  
But clouds that sail across the sky  
Are *prettier* than these.  
There are bridges on the rivers,  
As pretty as you *please*;  
But the *bow* that bridges heaven,  
And *overtops* the trees,  
And builds a road from earth to sky,  
Is prettier far than these.

—Christina Rossetti



## New Word

overtops : is above

prettier : more beautiful

sail : move

please : be happy



## EXERCISE TIME

## Comprehension Skills

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

1. Boats sail on the \_\_\_\_\_.

a. rivers

b. seas

c. lands

2. Ships sail on the \_\_\_\_\_.

a. sea

b. river

c. ponds

3. These are bridges on the \_\_\_\_\_.

a. seas

b. rivers

c. ponds

### B. Answer the following questions :

1. Where do boats, ships and clouds sail ?
2. Which one, among boats, ships and clouds, is the prettiest ?
3. What is the 'bow' here ?
4. What is this bow prettier than ?
5. What does the speaker say the rainbow does ?
6. Many words are repeated in this poem. Pick out these words.

## Fun with Words

### C. Choose the correct word.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ squeaks.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ brays.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ hums.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ crows.

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ growls.

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ hisses.

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ neighs.

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ roars.

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ gibbers.

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ chirps.

bird

mouse

snake

frog

bear

horse

bee

donkey

lion

monkey

## Essential Grammar

### D. Fill in the blanks with *must* or *mustn't* :

1. Mother : Ravi, you \_\_\_\_\_ tell lies.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ say 'thank you', when we get a present.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ throw stones at animals.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ wash your hands before a meal.

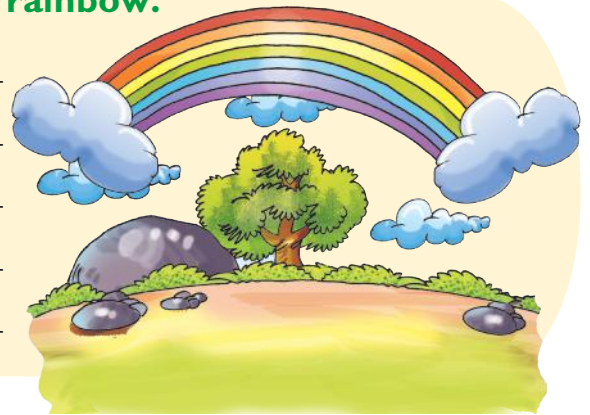
## Essential Speaking

### E. Work with pairs. Find and discuss about the origin of a rainbow in the sky.

## Essential Writing

### F. Write five sentences about the beauty of a rainbow.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



## Fun to Do

### G. The poet creates an image of the rainbow being a bridge between earth and heaven. Draw a picture showing this :

