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Summer



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His camper is crammed full of castles of sand
And drums and guitars from that summertime band
And plump juicy hot dogs with ketchup and mustard
And wafer cones oozing with smooth frozen custard.
He's gathered his pitchers of cold lemonade
And sparklers and flags from the Main Street parade
And baseballs and hammocks and water gun fights
And fairgrounds and campsites and warm, starry nights.
He's taking the lounge chairs and suntanning lotion.
In fact, he's decided to take the whole ocean.
He says not to worry, he's coming back soon.
I'm counting the days till it's finally June!

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1. List two examples from the poem that show summer is being personified.

2. Line 9 of the poem says:

He's gathered his pitchers of cold lemonade

Which is the best definition of the underlined word?



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4. Is the setting of the poem early summer, mid-summer, or late summer?
Explain how you know. Use text evidence to support your answer.

5. What is the point of view of the poem? _____

6. What text evidence can be used to support your answer to question 5?

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Summer Is Leaving

In the poem, "Summer is Leaving," the poet uses many summer activities and objects to show summer is over by putting all these things away for the next season.

Write your own poem about a different season (fall, winter, or spring) leaving.
Use objects and activities specific to your chosen season to show the season is ending.



ANSWER KEY

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1. List two examples from the poem that show summer is being personified.

Answers will vary. An example is “Summer is leaving and packing up shop.” and “He says not to worry, he’s coming back soon.”

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6. What text evidence can be used to support your answer to question 5?

Answers will vary but should indicate the use of the word “he” in the poem shows 3rd-person point of view.