

Reading an Unseen Poem with 3 Simple Questions:

Mr B's Step-by-Step Guide*

1 **WHAT**

- What is the poem about?
- What does the title suggest?
- What is the theme or message?

2 **WHO**

- Who is 'speaking' or 'narrating' the poem? What do we learn about them?
- WHO is it about? What do we learn about them?
- WHO is it addressed to? What do we learn about them?

3 **HOW**

- How is it written?
- HOW is it organised or structured (sections and verses; rhyming couplets; like a story)?
- HOW are words used (formal, personal, specialised, serious, accessible)?
- HOW are images used (the pictures the writer creates)?

*PS: Remember that you get most marks for the HOW stuff.
Remember also to make a point; give a short example; write 2 or 3 sentences commenting and explaining the example.