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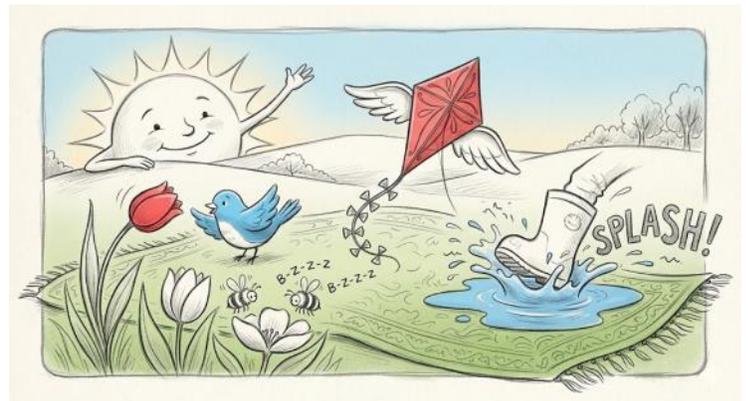
The Magic of Spring

The winter snow has slipped away,
The sun wakes up to start the day.
The sleeping grass, a velvet rug,
Gives every tiny sprout a hug.

The tulips nod their colorful heads,
In yellow, pink, and bright, bold reds.
The busy bees begin to buzz,
With golden coats of yellow fuzz.

A tiny bird begins to sing,
A whistle to welcome back the Spring.
The puddles **splash!** beneath my feet,
The air smells fresh and very sweet.

The kite is like a soaring bird,
The quietest song you've ever heard.
The world is new and full of cheer,
I'm so glad that Spring is here!





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1. In the first stanza, the poet says the grass is a "velvet rug." What does this metaphor mean?

- A) Someone put a real rug outside on the dirt.
- B) The grass is soft and thick, just like a rug.
- C) The grass is made of purple fabric.
- D) The grass is very hard and scratchy.

2. Which word from the poem is an example of onomatopoeia (a sound word)?

- A) Yellow
- B) Welcome
- C) Sleeping
- D) Splash

3. The poet says the "sun wakes up." This is personification. What is the sun actually doing?

- A) Putting on its pajamas.
- B) Eating breakfast.
- C) Rising in the sky to start the day.
- D) Yawning because it is tired.

4. "The kite is like a soaring bird" is a simile. What two things are being compared?

- A) The kite and the sun.
- B) The wind and the bird.
- C) The bird and the grass.
- D) The kite and the bird.



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The "Magic of Spring" Drawing Challenge

Imagine a giant, cheerful cartoon sun in the corner of your paper. It has open eyes, a huge grin, and is stretching its arms as it rises over the mountains. This shows the personification of the "Sun wakes up."

Next, draw a meadow where the grass looks like a colorful, thick velvet rug. Add patterns and swirls in the soft green grass to show the metaphor. A few colorful tulips are nodding their heads.

High in the big blue sky, draw a red diamond kite with a long tail. Right next to it, flying in the same shape, is a happy bluebird. This shows the simile that the "Kite is like a soaring bird."

In the corner, add a small blue puddle. Draw a cartoon boot making a huge, flying water splash. In fun, bubbly letters right next to the puddle, write the onomatopoeia word SPLASH!