Working with the Poem

Question 1: Answer the following questions.

- (i) Pick out the line that suggests that the child is afraid of snakes.
- (ii) Which line shows a complete change of the child's attitude towards snakes? Read it aloud.
- (iii) "But mother says that kind is good..." What is mother referring to?

Answer: (i) The line that suggests that the child is afraid of snakes is 'I saw a snake and ran away...'

- (ii) The line that shows a complete change of the child's attitude towards snakes is "There's no mistake, it's just a harmless garden snake!"
- (iii) Mother is referring to the garden snake, which is harmless as it eats up only insects for its food.

Question 2: Find the word that refers to the snake's movements in the grass.

Answer: The word that refers to the snake's movements in the grass is 'wiggles'.

Question 3: There are four pairs of rhyming words in the poem. Say them aloud.

Answer:

- (i) 'Away' 'say'
- (ii) 'Good' 'food'
- (iii) 'Grass' 'pass'
- (iv) 'Mistake' 'snake'

Question 4: A snake has no legs or feet, but it moves very fast. Can you guess how? Discuss in the group.

Answer: A snake has no legs or feet, but it moves very fast as it slides over the grass with the help of its scales.

Question 5: Can you recall the word used for a cobra's long sharp teeth? Where did you come across this word first?

Answer: Cobra's long sharp teeth are like two bows or forks that are ready to chase you down. It makes me frightened. They are called fangs which is hollow tube attached to a poisonous gland on one side. I came across these words as it looks very dangerous and sharp like knife.

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