

# Snowflake



Six-sided symmetry,  
Dendrite, hexagonal plate,  
Like fingerprints, unique.  
Soft, seemingly weightless  
Crystal clear coldness.  
Frozen, frosted, fragile.  
A moment of beauty  
Before it melts away  
Gone, perhaps forever.



# Questions

1. Find one example of alliteration in the poem (where one or more words next to each other start with the same letter).

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2. In line 3, the poet compares fingerprints to snowflakes as they are both unique. What does **unique** mean?

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3. Find one example of a simile in the poem (where something is described as being like something else).

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4. Find and copy a word in the poem that means the same as delicate.

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5. What does line 7 tell you about snowflakes?

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# Answers

1. Find one example of alliteration in the poem.  
**Accept any one of the following: six-sided symmetry; soft, seemingly; crystal clear coldness; frozen, frosted, fragile.**
2. In line 3, the poet compares fingerprints to snowflakes as they are both unique. What does **unique** mean?  
**Accept any suitable definition of unique, such as: Unique means that there is only one snowflake like it – no two are the same.**
3. Find one example of a simile in the poem (where something is described as being like something else).  
**Like fingerprints**
4. Find a word in the poem that means the same as delicate.  
**fragile**
5. What does line 7 tell you about snowflakes?  
**Line 7 tells us that snowflakes are beautiful but only for a short amount of time as they soon disappear.**

# Questions

1. Find two examples of alliteration in the poem.

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2. Find an example of a compound word in the poem.

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3. Use a dictionary to find out the meaning of the word **dendrite**.

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4. Which of these is closest in meaning to the word **seemingly**? Tick one.

appears to be

never

always

anti-gravity

5. List three characteristics of a snowflake described in this poem.

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# Answers

1. Find two examples of alliteration in the poem.  
**Accept any two of the following: six-sided symmetry; soft, seemingly; crystal clear coldness; frozen, frosted, fragile.**
2. Find an example of a compound word in this poem.  
**six-sided**
3. Use a dictionary to find out the meaning of the word **dendrite**.  
**A crystal shape that has treelike branches.**
4. Which of these is closest in meaning to the word **seemingly**? Tick one.  
 appears to be  
 never  
 always  
 anti-gravity
5. List three characteristics of a snowflake described in the poem.  
**Accept any three of the following: Snowflakes are six-sided, symmetrical, flat, unique, soft, lightweight, cold/frozen, delicate/fragile, beautiful, can melt, temporary.**

# Questions

1. Find all the examples of alliteration in the poem.

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2. Describe the rhyming pattern used in this poem.

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3. Apart from **six-sided**, which other word tells you the snowflake has six sides?

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4. Which of these is closest in meaning to the word **dendrite**? Tick one. You may need a dictionary to help you.

triangular shape

circular shape

branching shape

5. List as many characteristics of a snowflake described in this poem as you can.

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# Answers

1. Find all the examples of alliteration in the poem.  
**Accept the following four answers: six-sided symmetry; soft, seemingly; crystal clear coldness; frozen, frosted, fragile.**
2. Describe the rhyming pattern used in this poem.  
**There is no rhyming pattern in this poem.**
3. Apart from **six-sided**, which other word tells you the snowflake has six sides?  
**hexagonal**
4. Which of these is closest in meaning to the word dendrite? Tick one. You may need a dictionary to help you.  
 triangular shape  
 circular shape  
 branching shape
5. List as many characteristics of a snowflake described in this poem as you can.  
**Accept the following: Snowflakes are six-sided, symmetrical, flat, unique, soft, lightweight, cold/frozen, delicate/fragile, beautiful, can melt, temporary.**