

## NCERT Solutions for Class 8 English Honeydew Chapter 16

### The Duck and the Kangaroo (Poem) Class 8

Chapter 16 The Duck and the Kangaroo (Poem) Exercise Answers & Summary

**Working with the poem :** Solutions of Questions on Page Number : 99

**Q1 :**

**Taking words that come at the end of lines, write five pairs of rhyming words. Read each pair aloud. For example, pond - beyond**

**Answer :**

Five pairs of rhyming words are as follows:

- (i) Hop - stop
- (ii) Back - Quack
- (iii) Duck - luck
- (iv) Reflection - objection
- (v) Bold - cold

**Q2 :**

**Complete the dialogue.**

Duck : Dear Kangaroo! Why don't you  
\_\_\_\_\_

Kangaroo : With pleasure, my dear Duck,  
though \_\_\_\_\_

Duck : That won't be a problem. I will  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Answer :**

Duck: Dear Kangaroo! Why don't you give me a ride on your back?

Kangaroo: With pleasure, my dear Duck, though your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold and I might catch rheumatism.

Duck: That won't be a problem. I will wear worsted socks and cloak and smoke a cigar every day to keep out the cold.

**Q3 :**

**The Kangaroo does not want to catch 'rheumatism'. Spot this word in stanza 3 and say why it is spelt differently. Why is it in two parts? Why does the second part begin with a capital letter?**

**Answer :**

The word 'rheumatism' is spelt differently and is in two parts so that it can rhyme with 'kangaroo' in the following line. As a result of splitting the word into two and changing its spelling, 'roo' rhymes with 'kangaroo'. The second part 'Matiz' begins with a capital letter because it is the first word of the line. In a poem, every line begins with a capital letter even if it is in continuation with the previous line. Hence, this has been done in order to enhance the poetic effect of the lines.