



GRADE: 5

Name of the Student _____

Strawberries

*Strawberries that in garden grow
Are plump and juicy fine,
But sweeter far as wise men know,
Spring from the woodland vine.*

*No need for bowl or silver spoon,
Sugar or spice or cream,
Has the wild berry plucked in June
Beside the trickling stream.*

Meanings:

plump – fat and fleshy.

spring from – come from or arise from or to grow.

woodland - forests

vine – stem of a creeping plant.

bowl – a round, deep vessel

spice – parts of plants that add flavor or aroma to the food.

plucked – pulled out

trickling – flowing slowly, in very small amounts.

Summary

The poet says that the strawberries that grow in the garden and farms are very plump i.e. fat and juicy. He finds the taste of these strawberries to be fine, means they are okay in taste, not so great. But the poet say that all the wise men i.e. men who are knowledgeable, who have a lot of experience, know that the strawberries that grow wild in the woodland (forest) are much sweeter.

The poet further states that there is no need for a bowl or any silver spoon i.e. any expensive or fancy spoon to have these strawberries. Nor do you require any sugar or spice or cream to eat these strawberries that have been plucked from the vines growing besides a flowing stream in the month of June.

Thinks to do:

1. Learn and recite the poem.

2. Read the poem and answer the following.

(1) Which are the two different places where strawberries grow?

(2) What are the two different ways of eating strawberries?

(3) Which strawberries are plump and juicy?

(4) Which strawberries are sweeter?

(5) How would you like to eat your strawberries?

3. Activities

- (1) Find out when and where we get strawberries in Maharashtra.
- (2) Make a list of your favourite fruits and vegetables and note down the time of the year when they are available in plenty.
- (3) Have you ever eaten any fruit/vegetable picking it straight from the tree or field? Write about that experience in 3-5 lines.

Extra Questions

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- Q1. What kind of strawberries grow in the garden?
- Q2. Which word tells us that the poet feels that the strawberries that grow in the garden are not so good?
- Q3. Which strawberries are sweeter?
- Q4. What do the wise men know?
- Q5. Give the meanings of the following words:
 - (a) plump -
 - (b) spring from -
 - (c) woodland -

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- Q1. What is not needed while eating wild strawberries?
- Q2. Which time of the year are strawberries plucked?
- Q3. Where do the wild strawberries grow?
- Q4. Give the meaning of -
trickling -
- Q5. Find a word from the poem that is opposite in meaning to -
tame -