

The Road Not Taken

by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Basic Understanding

Draw lines to match the words from the poem with their meaning.

Diverged	Far from here and now
Doubt	A long, deep breath that expresses an emotion
Undergrowth	Split in different directions
Hence	Not be certain about
Trodden	Bushes and grass that appear under taller trees
Sigh	Walked on

Basic Understanding

Drag the vocabulary words to their correct placement in the paragraph.

diverged	undergrowth	fair	claim	trodden	hence
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Last week, I walked into my son's bedroom. The part of the room that was visible through the crack in the door looked _____, so I wasn't worried. Boy, was I in for a surprise. The floor was littered with everything from papers to gum wrappers to random cables for who-knows-what, which were as tangled as the _____ in a forest. No sooner had I walked two steps into the room, than I had _____ on an old Lego piece from a set his younger brother must have opened and left, strewn on the floor. His brother seemed to have made _____ to this room, because I saw tracks from our toy train set, _____ along the floor. I decided we needed to have a little chat about cleaning up messes that we make, and called him in two minutes _____.

Structure of the Poem

How many stanzas are in this poem? _____

How many lines are in each stanza? _____

What is the rhyme scheme of the **first** stanza? _____

What is the rhyme scheme of the entire poem?

Quote the words from the poem that express the following sentences:

Simplified Language	Text from Poem
The traveler has reached a crossroads in a forest.	
The traveler wishes he could choose both roads.	
The traveler's choice of road directly impacted his life.	
The two roads were, in fact, more similar than different	
In life, one event or choice leads to another and it's unlikely we can go back to where we started	