

## Day 1

Read the poem Carefully, then answer the questions that follows.

### The Coconut Groove

At the coconut groove  
See everybody move,  
They boogie together  
Despite the weather  
It's raining, it's blowing  
But the rhythm is flowing.  
As the frog from France  
With agouti breakdance.  
Frisky mongoose  
Lets it all hang loose,  
While the slippery snake  
Does the S-bend shake.  
With the monkeys on drums  
The hummingbirds hum.  
The music's so good  
Down here in the woods.  
Juicy Miss Mango  
Does a daring tango  
With Mr. Jackfruit  
In his fine green suit.  
The potatoes look sweet  
As they bop to the beat,  
As everybody swings  
And does their thing  
Down at the coconut groove.

Anne Marie Linden



1. Which different animals are joining in the dance?

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2. Who is providing the music?

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3. Which adjectives are used to describe the following dancers?

- a) The mongoose                      b) the snake                      c) the mango

4. Explain the meaning of the line 'Despite the weather.'

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5. Read the first eight lines aloud clapping on each boat. How many beats are there in each line?

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6. Boogie is a type of dancing. Find two more words in the poem for types of dancing.

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7. The mongoose 'lets it all hang loose'. What does this phrase mean?

- a) It is wearing loose clothes.                      C) It is dancing wildly.  
b) It has escaped from captivity                      D) It has lost its clothes.

8. Everybody 'does their thing'. This means that:

- a) They are all wearing different things.  
b) They all brought different things with them.  
c) They are all dancing in their own way.  
d) They are all doing the same dance.

9. Which word best describes the mood of this poem? Circle it.

serious	humorous	sad	surprised	persuasive
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10. What do you like best about the poem? Why?

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