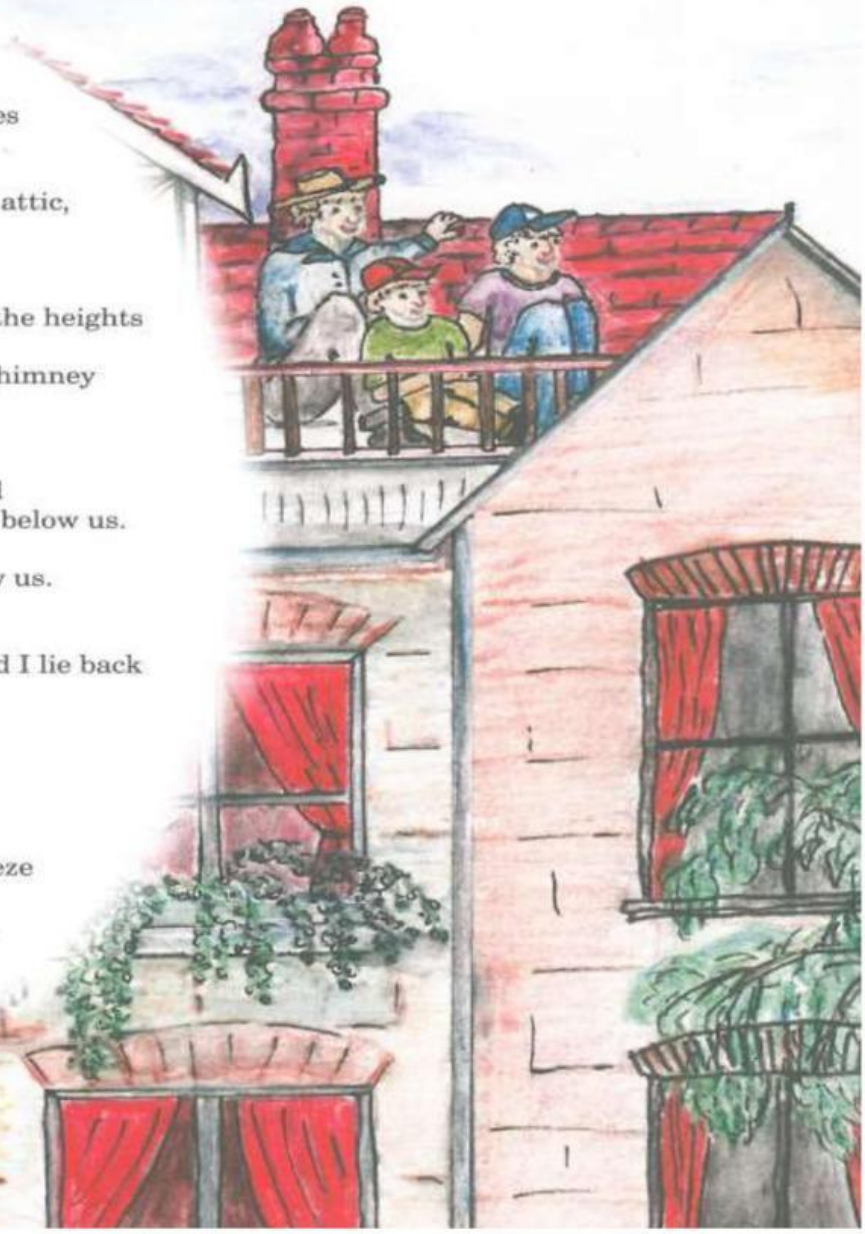
# ENGLISH 2010 (E)

**Read *Seeing the world* and answer questions 27 to 31.**

## Seeing the world

Every month or so,
when my brother and I
are bored with backyard games
and television, Dad says
'It's time to see the world.'
So we climb the ladder to our attic,
push the window open,
and carefully, carefully,
scramble onto the roof.
We hang on tight as we scale the heights
to the very top.
We sit with our backs to the chimney
and see the world.
The birds flying
below us.
The trees swaying in the wind
below us.
Our cubbyhouse, metres
below us.
The distant city
below us.
And then Dad, my brother and I lie back
look up and watch
the clouds and sky
and dream
we're flying
we're flying.
In summer
with the sun and a gentle breeze
and not a sound anywhere
I'm sure I never want to land.

*Steven Herrick*



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27. 'Every month or so,
when my brother and I
are bored with backyard games'

In this quotation the word 'backyard' is

(A) a verb.
(B) a noun.
(C) an adverb.
(D) an adjective.

28. Why does the family go onto the roof?

(A) They like the view from the roof.
(B) It is the only place they can see the sky.
(C) The children like to play games on the roof.
(D) Dad does not want the children to watch too much television.

29. 'The birds flying

below us.'

Why is this sentence written on different lines?

(A) to make the text look like a poem
(B) to make the sentence seem shorter
(C) to describe how smoothly the birds are flying
(D) to indicate that the birds are flying lower than the roof

30. From his actions in the poem, the reader can tell that Dad is

(A) strict. (B) adventurous. (C) cautious. (D) humorous.

31. What is the main idea of the poem?

(A) Families need to spend more time together.
(B) Children have to be careful when playing on the roof.
(C) Children should be encouraged to use their imagination.
(D) Families should spend as much time outdoors as possible.

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