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**CLASS – IX
(BEEHIVE)**

THE SNAKE TRYING

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Notable Works – Anthology of Canadian Verse, Shapes and Sounds etc.



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Poisonous Snakes

Non-poisonous Snakes

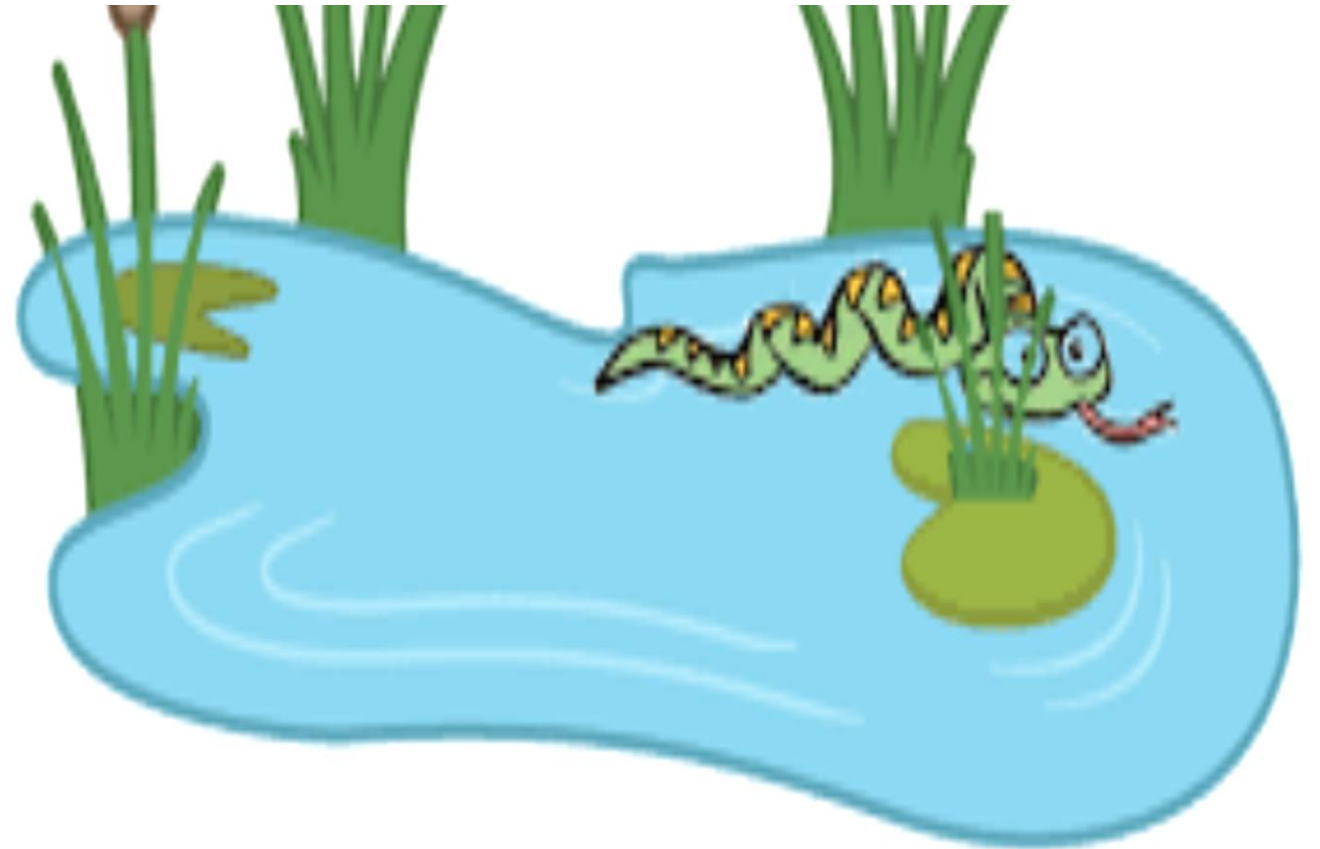
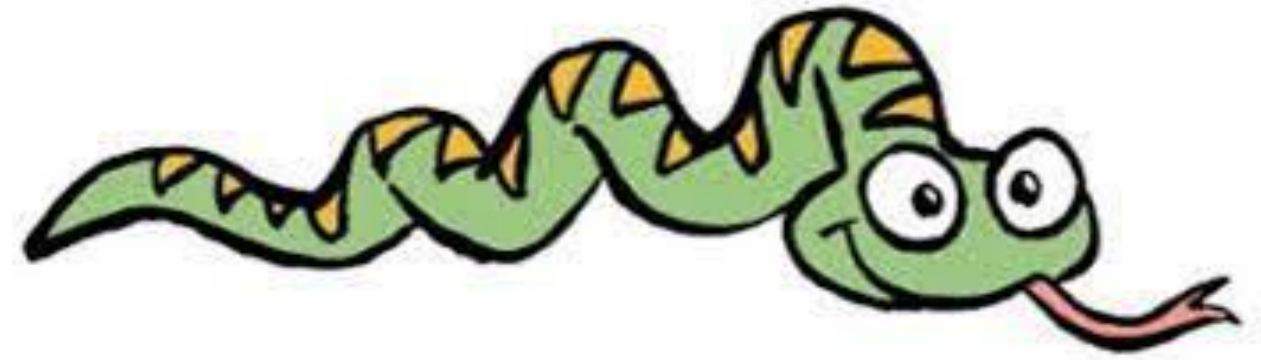




The Snake Trying

The snake trying to escape the pursuing stick, with sudden curvings of thin long body. How beautiful and graceful are his shapes!

***He glides through
the water away
from the stroke.***



Transferred Epithet

‘Transferred epithet’ is a literary device in which an adjective used just before a noun, does not refer to that adjacent noun, but to some other noun implied.

Pursuing stick- Pursuing is an adjective used before a noun ‘stick’, but it is not used for ‘stick’ here. It is referring to ‘the man who is holding a stick’.

Other examples – Sleepless night, suicidal sky, cruel bars etc.

*O let him go
over the water
into the reeds to hide
without hurt. Small and green
he is harmless even to children.*



Alliteration

Alliteration- Alliteration is the repetition of a consonant sound in the more closely placed words.

Eg - *...he is harmless even to children.*

In this sentence, 'h'-consonant sound is repeated. Alliteration is used here.

Other examples – Fred **f**ried **f**rogs ('f' sound repeated),

Sally **s**ells **s**ea **s**hells ('s' sound); **N**ick **n**eeded **n**otebook ('n' sound); **W**alter **w**ondered **w**here **W**innie **w**as ('w' sound)

*Along the sand
he lay until observed
and chased away, and now
he vanishes in the ripples
among the green slim reeds.*



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