

# **The Shed**

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## Different Sheds

**A shed is temporary structure built to shelter something. E.g. Animal -Shed , Tool -Shed , Wood -Shed.**



## Introduction

**The poem “The Shed” is about the fear and the curiosity of a child about the Shed. The story(narrative poem ) deals with the psychology of a child to think over the received information and his own resolve to enter into the shed.**

**It also shows playful rivalry between siblings.**

# Imagery

**Image :** An image is a mental picture formed by the use of words.

**Stanza 1** – “There’s a shed at the bottom of our garden  
With a spider’s web hanging across the door,  
The hinges are rusty and creak in the wind...”

# Visual Imagery

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- ▶ In the **1<sup>st</sup> stanza**, the creaking of rusty hinges and spider's web creates an image of an abandoned Shed. These things appeal to the sense of sight. This is a visual imagery.



# Atmosphere

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- **In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> stanza ,the scary or the spooky atmosphere is evoked with the help of someone's staring, cracked window panes ,rotten floorboards, ghost's action of the chopping of the head.**
- **Thus, the 'Shed' has become an haunted place. Children always think ,talk about such places. It can be an abandoned house, a Well , the dense forest, a big shady tree.**



## **A child's Resolve**

**In the concluding part of the poem a child overcomes his/her fear and convinces himself/herself that ghosts are not there, no one stares at him/her, and the spider has gone.**

**His brother wants to keep that place for himself when at play. It is playful rivalry between siblings.**

**He/she seems determined to go into that Shed but not now, one day soon. But not just yet.....**

# Thanks.

- **Pramod Bhivsan Nikalje.**
- **Aecs- 2 Tarapur**