2.1 Minnie and Winnie (A Lullaby)



Minnie and Winnie
Slept in a shell.
Sleep, little ladies!
And they slept well.

Pink was the shell within,
Silver without,
Sounds of the great sea
Wandered about.

Sleep little ladies!
Wake not soon!
Echo on echo
Dies to the moon.

Two bright stars
Peep'd into the shell,
What are they dreaming of?
Who can tell?

Started a green linnet
Out of the croft;
Wake, little ladies,
The sun is aloft.

- Alfred Lord Tennyson

- **without :** outside
- **Dies to the moon :** This line tells us that the sounds travel far away – right up to the moon but they become faint as they travel.
- **shell :** Here, it means a seashell.
- **croft :** a small farm
- **aloft :** up in the air
- **echo :** a sound that is heard again. 'Echo on echo' means that the sounds are heard again and again.
- **Peep'd :** Peeped. Looked quickly, without making any noise.
- **Started :** moved or flew up suddenly.

POINTERS

1. Learn the poem by heart and recite it.

2. Find the rhyming words from the poem.

* shell : ..... * without : ..... * soon : ..... * shell : ..... * croft: .....

3. From the poem, copy the following words :

* Words that begin with 's'.
* Words that have the letter 'l'.
* Three pairs of opposites.
* Four things you may see in the sky.

4. Minnie and Winnie slept well in a shell.
Can you think of other safe and nice places where they can sleep well ?

5. Find and copy the following from the poem.

* Two statements
* Two questions
* Two commands

6. Learn to say the following faster and faster :

* She sells seashells on the seashore.
* Swan swam over the sea. Swim, Swan, swim ! Swan swam back again. Well swum, Swan !

LEARNING about LANGUAGE

PREPOSITIONS

Read and translate the following phrases :

* in the shell * of the sea * to the moon
* into the shell * out of the croft

Note the first word/words in each of the above phrases. A word/group of words used before a noun/pronoun to show place, direction, time, etc. is called a preposition.

Write two phrases each using the following prepositions : in, on, at, of, from, to, into, out of. Translate your phrases in your mother tongue.