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THINKING ABOUT THE POEM (PAGE 31)

I. QUESTION 1. What are the things the wind does in the first stanza?

ANSWER: The wind breaks the doors of the window, scatters the papers and throws down the books on the shelf. It also tears the pages of the books and brings rain.



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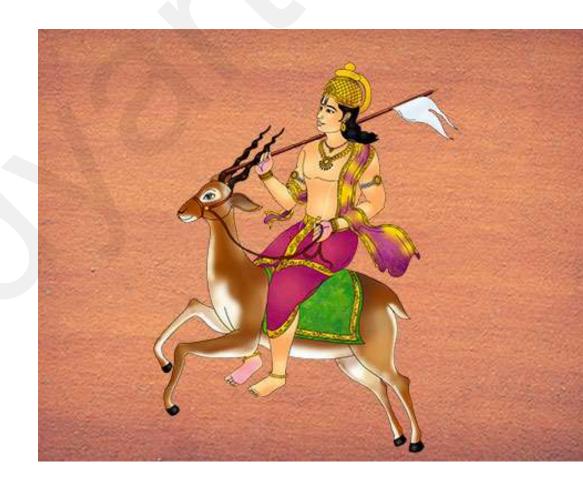
FIRST STANZA

WIND, COME SOFTLY. DON'T BREAK THE SHUTTERS OF THE WINDOWS. DON'T SCATTER THE PAPERS. DON'T THROW DOWN THE BOOKS ON THE SHELF. THERE, LOOK WHAT YOU DID — YOU THREW THEM ALL DOWN. YOU TORE THE PAGES OF THE BOOKS. YOU BROUGHT RAIN AGAIN.

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QUESTION 2. What does the poet say the wind god winnows?

ANSWER: The wind god winnows all the things available at home.



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QUESTION 3. How does we make wind our friend?

ANSWER: The poet suggests that we should build strong houses and fix the doors firmly to make friends with the wind. Moreover, we should be strong enough to face the difficulties in life.



BUILD STRONG



STAY HEALTHY



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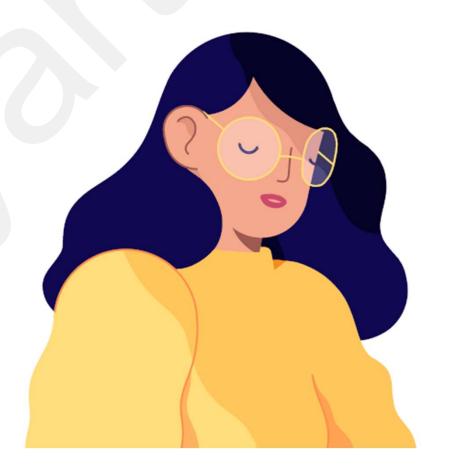
STRONG DOORS



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QUESTION 4. What do the last four lines of the poem mean to you?

ANSWER: The last four lines convey the message that those who are not determined and lack confidence face defeat. And those who set their targets and make sincere efforts are not disturbed by any obstacle.



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LAST LINES

DO THIS, AND THE WIND WILL BE FRIENDS WITH US. THE WIND BLOWS OUT WEAK FIRES. HE MAKES STRONG FIRES ROAR AND FLOURISH. HIS FRIENDSHIP IS GOOD. WE PRAISE HIM EVERY DAY.

