

- Children, do you remember nursery rhymes?
- Which ones do you remember?
- Which is your favourite among them?
- Do you remember 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star'?
- Do you know it has more lines than you read in nursery classes?

Let's read the complete poem here.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

When the blazing sun is gone,
When nothing shines upon,
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

Then the traveller in the dark
Thanks you for your tiny spark,
How could he see where to go,
If you did not twinkle so?



In the dark blue sky you keep,
Often through my curtains peep,
For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky.

As your bright and tiny spark
Lights the traveller in the dark,
Though I know not what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.



~ Jane Taylor

Glossary

twinkle	:	shine with a flickering light; टिमटिमाना
diamond	:	very hard clear and precious stone; हीरा
blazing	:	very hot and bright; धधकता हुआ
traveller	:	one who travels, one who goes from one place to another; यात्री
tiny	:	little; छोटी
spark	:	flash of light; चिंगारी
curtain	:	a piece of material hung on doors or windows as a screen; परदा
peep	:	to look quickly or secretly; झाँकना
shut	:	close; बंद करना

Activity – I

A. Write T for True and F for False.

1. The moon looks like a diamond in the sky. ()
2. The star shows its little light after the sunset. ()
3. The star shines brighter than the sun. ()

B. Answer the following questions.

1. Who is the boy speaking to?
2. Why does the traveller thank the star?
3. What happens when the sun goes away?
4. How does the boy know that the star is peeping through his curtains?
5. What is the colour of the sky at night?
6. What happens when the sun comes back in the sky?

Activity – II

A. Find words from the poem that are similar in meaning to the following words and write them in your notebooks. For some words, you may find more than one word in the poem. Write as many as you find.

- a. close
- b. small
- c. bright
- d. black

A. In the poem, given below you noticed that two successive lines end with the words having similar sound.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
 How I wonder what you are!
 Up above the world so high,
 Like a diamond in the sky.

First two lines end with similar sounding words: 'star' and 'are' while the next two lines have similar sounding words: 'high' and 'sky' in the end. Such words are called rhyming words. Now, look at the words given in the box and arrange them in the table under the words with similar sounds.

ear	ago	tight	none
fun	kite	one	deer
glow	here	toe	bite
right	run	year	slow

light	near	sun	show

Activity – III

The child in the poem says, 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star....'
 Is the star really 'little'? Discuss with your friends and teacher.

Activity – IV

Do you know where the sun goes in the evening? Does it become cool in the night? Write a paragraph on what you think.

Activity – V

How many stars do you see in the sky at night? Have you heard about the Pole star (*Dhruv Tara*)? Do you know the story behind it? Ask your parents and elders and discuss it with your friends in the class.

