

## THE ROBIN

*The gardener digs, the robin watches,  
Never afraid, certainly not timid.  
It sits close by, catching small worms and quick moving millipedes,  
Its red breast attracting the gardener's eye.*

*It stops motionless and watches,  
Oblivious to its spectator, the robin hops here and there,  
Filling its mouth with food for its young.  
Then quick as it arrived, it is gone.*

*Instantly, it returns searching, searching, searching.  
The gardener has left to feed and watches from afar.  
A cat, a tiger of the garden, stalks the robin,  
And pounces, and the robin is gone.*

*Oh how lucky are its young!*

Choose the **best word** or **phrase** each time. Underline your answers.

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|---|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | This poem is set in a -          | forest      | farm       | zoo         | garden   |
| 2 | The poet tells us the robin is - | timid       | frightened | small       | brave    |
| 3 | Motionless means -               | moving      | changing   | stationary  | action   |
| 4 | A spectator is -                 | a performer | a feeder   | an observer | a friend |
| 5 | The robin is stalked by a -      | gardener    | cat        | tiger       | dog      |
| 6 | Pounces means -                  | snatches    | takes off  | jumps on    | grabs    |

Which two creatures does the robin catch ?

- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_

9 Why was the robin gathering so much food ? \_\_\_\_\_

10 Which word tells us that the robin returned quickly ? \_\_\_\_\_

11 Why did the gardener leave? \_\_\_\_\_

12 Which word tells us that he was not close by ? \_\_\_\_\_

13 Which phrase tells us that the cat did not catch the robin ? \_\_\_\_\_

The gardener and the robin both did the same three things. Give two of them.

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