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Rhyme scheme
AABBCCDD

SNOW IN THE SUBURBS

Thomas Hardy

Every ^{alliteration} branch ^{repetition} big with it,
Bent every twig with it;

Every ^{simile} fork like a white web-foot;

Every ^{personification} street and pavement mute:
- Search blindly with hands

Some flakes have lost their way, and grope back upward, when

Meeting those meandering down they turn and descend again.



The ^{parts of fence} palings are glued together like a wall,

And there is no ^{wandering, no direction} waft of wind with the fleecy fall.

A sparrow enters the tree, ^{float} A

Whereon immediately ^{allit-} A

A snow-lump ^{3x} thrice his own slight size B

Descends on him and showers his head and eyes, B

And overturns him, ^c

And near inurns him, ^c to cover/take in

And lights on a nether twig, when its brush D

Starts off a volley of other lodging lumps with a rush. D

metaphor

The steps are a blanched slope, ^{white} A

Up which, with feeble hope, ^{weak} A

Cat is trying to get up steps

A black cat comes, wide-eyed and thin; B

And we take him in. B

Cat kept falling, but snow covers him up.

Narrator is snow -> personification

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Directions: Use Thomas Hardy's "Snow in the Suburbs" to answer the following questions.

1. All of the following poetic devices are used in this poem EXCEPT
 - a. Simile ✓ line 3
 - b. Metaphor ✓ line 17
 - c. Onomatopoeia
 - d. Personification ✓ line 20

2. Which lines show an example of a simile?
 - a. Lines 1-3 "Every fork like a white web-foot"
 - b. Lines 4-6
 - c. Lines 10-12
 - d. Lines 17-19

3. Who or what is MOST LIKELY the narrator of this poem?
 - a. The sparrow
 - b. The black cat
 - c. The snow
 - d. The tree

4. Which description BEST describes the impression you form of the snow from this poem?
 - a. The snow is mischievous.
 - b. The snow is gentle and kind.
 - c. The snow is regretful and sad.
 - d. The snow is angry and hurtful.

5. Which item describes the rhyme scheme of the third stanza?
 - a. ABCDABCD
 - b. AABBCDD
 - c. AABCDDEE
 - d. ABCCDDEE