

Plastic Bag Tree



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Michael Rosen

Genre:
Poetry

Cross-curricular links:

- Art (illustration)
- Science (decomposition)
- PSHE (caring for the environment)

Introduction

Michael Rosen is an English writer and poet. Pupils may already have read some of his most famous works, including *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. Rosen was Children's Laureate between 2007 and 2009, and focused on making poetry more accessible in schools. He writes mainly for children, and his fiction and poetry are well known for their humour and fun use of language. *Plastic Bag Tree* is a light-hearted poem with a serious message about the environment.

Answers

1. tree and sea
2. E.g. Yes, because the poet says there are "bags as far as the eye can see".
3. E.g. To make the plastic bags fall off the tree.
4. ripe and fresh e.g. To make the plastic bags sound like fruit.
5. E.g. fret; be alarmed
6. E.g. It's used once to mean 'a lot of' and once to mean the noun 'bags'.
7. E.g. I think Michael Rosen is saying that littering is bad and it is a big problem because there are "bags as far as the eye can see". He pretends the bags are like fruit, but it makes the reader realise that it's not natural that plastic bags are found on trees.