

**SUVA SANGAM COLLEGE  
YEAR 9  
ENGLISH  
WORKSHEET 8**

**A. Read the poem extracts below and answer the questions that follow.**

**From a Railway Carriage**

Faster than fairies, faster than witches,  
Bridges and houses, hedges and ditches;  
And charging along troops in a battle,  
All through the meadows, the horses and cattle;  
All of the sights of the hill and the plain  
Fly as thick as driving rain;  
And ever again **in the wink of an eye**,  
Painted stations whistle by

Here is a child who clambers and scrambles,  
All by himself gathering brambles;  
Here is a tramp who stands and gazes;  
And there is the string for stringing the daisies  
Here is a cart run away in the road  
Lumping along with man and load;  
And here is a mill, and there is a river;  
Each a glimpse and gone forever!

*By Robert Louis Stevenson*

- a. Name the title and poet of the above poem.
- b. Identify the rhyming scheme for lines 1 – 4.
- c. What is travelling faster than fairies and witches?
- d. Quote a simile from stanza 1 and explain its effect.
- e. What does the phrase **in the wink of an eye** mean?
- f. What is the purpose of the descriptions given in stanza 2?

**B. Answer the following questions from the Mass Media section.**

- a. What is the difference between an editor and an editorial in a newspaper.
- b. Name a search engine used in the internet.
- c. Name the two types of cartoon in a newspaper.

**C. Prepositions**

**Use appropriate prepositions to fill in the blank spaces in the sentence below.**

1. You must apologise\_\_\_\_\_your rude behaviour.
2. The curious child eagerly begged\_\_\_\_\_an answer to the riddle.
3. He was confident that he will be coming first\_\_\_\_\_the examination.
4. I ran\_\_\_\_\_my teacher at the show last night.
5. She is extremely anxious\_\_\_\_\_an interview next week.
6. What a contrast\_\_\_\_\_the two siblings!
7. The brothers fought\_\_\_\_\_their father's property.
8. You can cut the string\_\_\_\_\_these scissors.
9. My friends called\_\_\_\_\_me yesterday.
10. Rehana often boasts\_\_\_\_\_her success.