

BVP LKR

CLASS—10,SUBJECT-ENGLISH

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The Ball Poem

---- John Berryman

Read the stanzas given below and answer the questions that follow----

(A)

**An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where
His ball went.**

- (a)Why was he trembling, staring down?**
- (b)Where has his ball gone?**
- (c) Pick out the word from the stanza that means the same as final.**
- (d) What does the poet want the boy to learn?**

(B)

**I would not intrude on him;
A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now
He senses first responsibility
In a world of possessions**

- 1.What does the poet mean by 'first responsibility' ?**
- 2.What does 'I' want to teach the boy?**

3. Pick out the word from the stanza that means the same as 'encroach upon'.

4. Why does the poet want to intrude on the boy?