

I WANDERED LONELY AS A CLOUD by William Wordsworth

I. Complete the poem with the most appropriate word from the right box

I **wandered** lonely as a cloud
 That **floats** on high o'er vales and hills,
 When all at once I saw a ¹ _____,
 A host of golden daffodils;
 Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the ² _____.

Continuous as the stars that **shine**
 And ³ _____ on the Milky Way,
 They stretched in never-ending line
 Along the margin of a ⁴ _____:
 Ten thousand saw I at a **glance**,
⁵ _____ their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
 Out-did the **sparkling** waves in glee:
 A poet could not but be ⁶ _____,
 In such a jocund company:
 I **gazed**—and gazed—but little thought
 What wealth the show to me had ⁷ _____:

For oft, when on my ⁸ _____ I lie
 In vacant or in pensive mood,
 They ⁹ _____ upon that inward eye
 Which is the bliss of solitude;
 And then my heart with ¹⁰ _____ fills,
 And dances with the daffodils.

O'er = over
 A host = a large number
 Sprightly = lively
 Glee = delight
 Jocund = cheerful
 Oft = often
 Bliss = extreme happiness



- 1) Load / flood / row / crowd
- 2) Peace / skies / breeze / mist
- 3) Twinkle / sprinkle / jingle / mingle
- 4) Spray / quay / bay / hay
- 5) Bowing / tossing / losing / shaking
- 6) Grey / gloomy / gay / cheery
- 7) Brought / sought / caught / fought
- 8) Self / time / way / cough
- 9) Flash / smash / squash / brush

II. Match the following verbs with the most proper definition

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| 1. to glaze | a. to look furtively |
| 2. to gaze | b. To shine (wet) |
| 3. to peek | c. to seek / to look up |
| 4. to stare | d. to blink |
| 5. to browse | e. to roam |
| 6. to wander | f. to give a quick look |
| 7. to flutter | g. to shine suddenly |
| 8. to float | h. to move delicately |
| 9. to twinkle | i. to shine with flashes |
| 10. to flash | j. to look admiringly |
| 11. to toss | k. to mix (a liquid) |
| 12. to sparkle | l. to reflect the light |
| 13. to glitter | m. to look steadily |
| 14. to glisten | n. to throw |
| 15. to stir | o. to wave |

III. Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Use the same word for both sentences. You may need to change the form of the word.

Gaze	Glance	Browse	View	Stare
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- I had a quick _____ at the newspaper this morning.
She kept _____ surreptitiously at her watch, desperate for the meeting to end.
- We don't have an encyclopaedia at home – we just _____ the Web.
No visit to the museum would be complete without a _____ in the bookshop.
- I can't see much from my house – there's another building blocking the _____
When flat-hunting, you should _____ as many properties as possible.
- My parents always told me that it's rude to _____.
She met his friendly greeting with a blank _____ – she clearly didn't recognize him.
- I'd hate to be a celebrity, always in the public _____.
She _____ lovingly at her photograph and signed.

IV. Put the verbs in the box into the appropriate column below.

Wander	Shine	Flutter	Float	Twinkle	Toss	Sparkle	Flash
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LIGHT

MOVEMENT

V. Complete the gaps with the verbs in exercise four. The verbs must collocate with all the four nouns. You don't need all the verbs.

1	Eyelids	Heart	Hands	Flags	
2	Eyes	Sea	Jewellery	Glass	
3	Eyes	thoughts	Attention	Mind	
4	Eyes	Lightning	Neon signs	Warning light	
5		A coin	One's hair	Ball	Salad
6		A light	A torch	Shoes	Silver

William Wordsworth (1770 - 1850) was a major English Romantic poet who, with Samuel Taylor Coleridge, helped launch the Romantic Age in English literature with the 1798 joint publication *Lyrical Ballads*. Wordsworth's magnum opus is "*The Prelude*", a semiautobiographical poem of his early years. It was posthumously titled & published. Wordsworth died at the age of 80 by re-aggravating a case of pleurisy, and was buried at St. Oswald's Church in Grasmere.



ANSWER KEY:

I.

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| 1. Crowd | 7. Brought |
| 2. Breeze | 8. Couch |
| 3. Twinkle | 9. Flash |
| 4. Bay | 10. Pleasure |
| 5. Tossing | |
| 6. Gay | |

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III.

1. Glance, glancing
2. Browse, browse
3. View, view
4. Stare, stare
5. Gaze, gazed

IV.

1. Light – shine, flash, twinkle, sparkle.
2. Movement – wander, float, toss, and flutter.

V.

1. Flutter
2. Sparkle
3. Wander

4. Flash
5. Mix
6. Shine