

Human mind is sometimes playful and imaginative.

# MY VARIOUS IMAGINATIONS

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I used to play at **pirates**,  
And sailed the seven seas.  
Then I was a **cowboy**,  
These simple things did me please.  
I had a **vivid** imagination,  
Adventure was always on my mind.  
I discovered the joys of reading,  
And escaped the **daily grind**.  
Once I lived with the Eskimos,  
In the land of ice and snow,  
Went hunting and a fishing,  
My **fantasy** was all aglow.  
I read a books of Jules Verne,  
And went off to the moon,  
It was just to take a look,  
Then it was time to return.  
I spent time in the forests of Africa,  
With Dr Livingstone as my guide,  
Then off again to America,  
With Huckleberry Finn did I hide.  
In my world of fantasy and imagination,  
I performed such wonderful deeds.  
A Hero of all the Nations,  
I was the one that did succeed.  
Then I grew up, my childish world at an end,  
I had become serious it nearly drove me around the bend.  
I still do like the mysterious,  
This is the message I am trying to send.



-George Bernard Shaw

## Moral of the Poem

From this lesson we learned that we should imagine positive and meaningful and should try to make real that by our hard work.

### Keywords

• pirates : sea robbers • cowboy : man who looks after cattle • vivid : clear • daily grind : difficulties of daily life • fantasy : imagination.

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## OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

### A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

1. The poet saw pirates, cowboys and Eskimos in :

i. books

ii. T.V.

iii. movies

iv. real life

2. By reading books :

i. the poet travelled the world

ii. the poet felt bored

iii. the poet did not learn anything new

iv. the poet felt scared

3. In his world of imagination :

i. the poet became a pirate

ii. the poet became a cowboy

iii. the poet lived with the Eskimos

iv. all of these

### B. Answer the following questions :

1. How was the poet able to explore the world of adventure?
2. What were the advantages of his world?
3. Where did the poet perform wonderful deeds?
4. Why did the poet play at pirates and cowboys?

## Writing Master

Write a speech to be read out in the morning assembly on the topic 'ADVANTAGES OF READING'.

1. Give a heading.
2. Greeting : Since a speech is read out to an audience you need to start with a greeting like - Good Morning everybody !
3. Introduction : At the very outset you must introduce yourself - Today I , ABC , start before you to speak on the topic "Advantages of Reading".
4. Ending : Always end with 'Thank you'.
5. Divide your speech into three paragraphs.
6. You can use phrases.

## Booster Master

Relate the story of a book you have read to the whole class.

## Creative Master

The poet has mentioned Huckleberry Finn. Read the book and write a review.