

Each stanza in this poem, by Robert Louis Stevenson, has two sets of rhyming words.

Use the words in the box in the correct places in the poem.

(Hint: The last words in line 1 and 2 rhyme. The last words in line 3 and 4 rhyme)

My Shadow by Robert Louis Stevenson

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with __ ,
And what can be the use of him is more than I can ____ .
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the ____ ;
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my ____ .

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to ____ --
Not at all like proper children, which is always very ____ ;
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber - ____ ,
And he sometimes goes so little that there's none of him at ____ .

He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to ____ ,
And can only make a fool of me in every sort of ____ .
He stays so close behind me, he's a coward you can ____ ;
I'd think shame to stick to nursie as that shadow sticks to __ !

One morning, very early, before the sun was __ ,
I rose and found the shining dew on every butter ____ ;
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-____ ,
Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in ____ .

Answer the following questions:

What does arrant mean? _____

What does notion mean? _____

What does the author compare the tall shadow to? _____

What happened to the shadow in stanza 4? _____

Who is nursie? _____

Why is the shadow described as a coward in stanza 3? _____



grow, bed, see,
slow, cup, way,
me, head, ball,
bed, play, head,
up, see, all, me

