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Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Adventures with Books

Books are ships that sail the seas
To lands of snow or jungle trees.
And I'm the captain bold and free
Who will decide which place we'll see.
Come, let us sail the magic ship.

Books are trains in many lands,
Crossing hills or desert sands.
And I'm the engineer who guides
The train on its exciting rides.
Come, let us ride the magic train.

Books are zoos that make a home
For birds and beasts not free to roam.
And I'm the keeper of the zoo,
I choose the things to show to you.
Come, let us visit in a zoo.

Books are gardens, fairies, elves,
Cowboys, and people like ourselves.
And I can find with one good look
Just what I want inside a book.
Come, let us read! For reading's fun!

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Questions:

1. What does the poet mean when saying, "Books are zoos that make a home for birds and beasts not free to roam"?
2. How does the speaker describe books in the first stanza? What analogy is used to describe books?
3. In the final stanza, what different characters and worlds are mentioned, and what can the speaker find inside a book?
4. Imagine you are the captain of a magic ship. Where would you want to sail, and what kind of adventures would you like to have?
5. Think about the different characters and worlds mentioned in the poem. If you could meet any character from a book, who would it be and why?
6. Can you relate to the speaker's enthusiasm for books? Explain how books have transported you to different places and experiences.
7. How do books open doors to new worlds and experiences? Why is reading important in expanding our knowledge and imagination?
8. Pretend you are the keeper of a zoo. What animals or creatures would you want in your zoo, and why?