

Curious Town

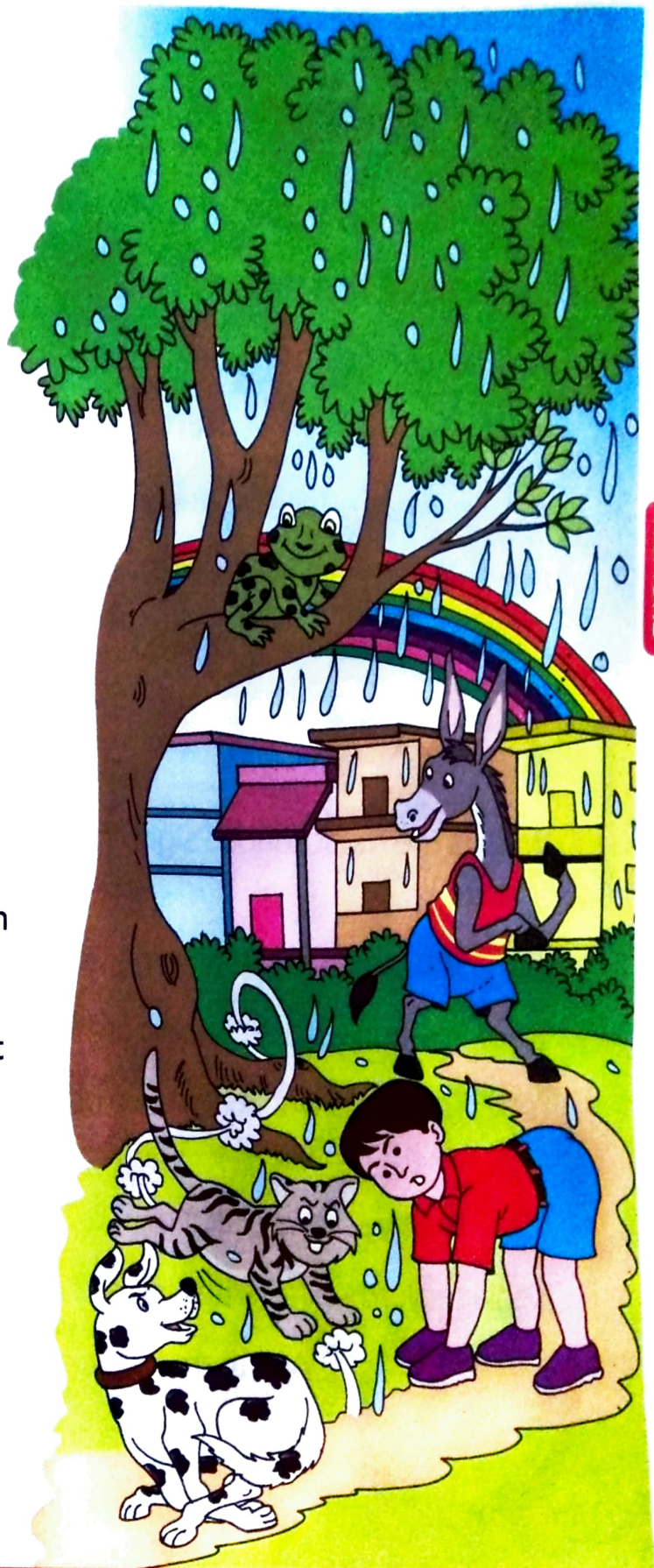
The poet reaches a town where everything is beyond imagination. Let's read this funny poem about the Curious Town.

I have arrived at **Curious Town**
Which is painted with curious **hues**:
And there the kitten barks and barks
The puppy mews and mews.
And there the frog climbs up a tree
And croaks in a curious way;
"Prepare for a shower of **pelting** ice,
It is going to hail today!"
And there the river flows with fire,
The **volcano** is packed with dew:
The hues of the rainbow are more than seven
And the days in the week are two.

And there you can see a most curious sight
Which can make a dead crow roar:
The asses who **roam** have only two legs,
While the men who walk, have four!

I have arrived at Curious Town
Which is marked with curious marks:
And there the puppy mews and mews
And the kitten barks and barks.

—Harindranath Chattopadhyaya



Harindranath Chattopadhyaya (1898 – 1990) : He was an English poet, a dramatist, an actor and a musician. He was the younger brother of Sarojini Naidu. His famous works include **The Feast Of Youth**, **Abu Hassan** and **The Magic Tree**, among others.



Exercise

ENGLISH

A little more of the poem:

1. Why do you think, the poet calls the town 'Curious Town'?
2. What does the frog croak in Curious Town?
3. Think of a name for the river in Curious Town and write it.
4. How is a rainbow of Curious Town different from a natural rainbow?
5. How many days does the week at Curious Town have?

[Tick (✓) the correct answer.]

- (a) ten (b) six (c) three (d) two (e) seven

6. What is the most curious sight that the poet is talking about? [Tick (✓) the correct answer.]

- (a) The puppy meows and meows and the kitten barks and barks.
- (b) The hues of the rainbow are more than eight.
- (c) The asses who roam have only two legs, while the men who walk have four.
- (d) The river flows with fire.

7. Replace words in red with words of your choice and recite the poem.



And there the ^{Fish} frog climbs up a tree
 And chirps croaks in a curious way; quake in the
 "Prepare for a shower of pelting ice, nearby tree.
 It is going to hail today!"
to tremor

