**Hunting Snake by Judith Wright**

1. In the **first verse** who was it that ‘froze half-through a pace?’ and why did they freeze?

The people who were out walking in the sun stopped suddenly while they were walking because they saw a snake.

1. Read the **second verse** again. Can you suggest why the people lost their breath when they saw him pass by them?

They lost their breath because they were too scared to breathe incase the snake noticed them.

1. Read the **third verse**. Did the snake catch anything?

No, the snake didn’t catch anything because it fled from the snake.

1. Name some things which could have been the snake’s small food.

Some small things could have been a mouse, a rat or a little bird.

1. What does it mean when Judith Wright says, “We Scarcely thought; still as we stood our eyes went with him as he went.”

It means that the people were too scared to think about anything else except the snake. They didn’t want to take their eyes off it.

1. What words in the poem does Judith Wright use to show that she admires the snake?

Great and splendid. That his skin is sun glazed and has diamond scales.

1. Why would the people have taken a ‘**deeper breath of day** ‘ in the last verse?

They people would have taken a deeper breath of relief because the snake had gone and they could breathe again. They were not scared anymore.

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| What things did the snake do? | What things did the people do? |
| The snake went reeling by. ETC | The people walked in the sun. ETC |

1. Look back through the poem and write all the actions of the snake and the people.