

# KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS

RL.6.1

## Guided Instruction

- The Walrus and the Carpenter  
20 Were walking close at hand;  
They wept like anything to see  
Such **quantities** of sand:  
“If this were only cleared away,”  
They said, “it **WOULD** be grand!”  
25 “If seven maids with seven mops  
Swept it for half a year,  
Do you suppose,” the Walrus said,  
“That they could get it clear?”  
“I doubt it,” said the Carpenter,  
30 And shed a bitter tear.
- “O Oysters, come and walk with us!”  
The Walrus did **beseech**.  
“A pleasant walk, a pleasant talk,  
Along the **briny** beach:  
35 We cannot do with more than four,  
To give a hand to each.”

### Comprehension Check

How does making inferences about the characters' intentions, such as the Walrus's wish to walk with the Oysters, help you understand the poem up to this point?

### CITE EVIDENCE

**C** How do the Carpenter and the Walrus feel about sand at the beach? Double underline the lines on page 15 that give clues as to their feelings.

**D** Poets use imagery to help a reader visualize the story. Circle words that create an image in the reader's mind of a beach with tons of sand.

**E** What reason does the Walrus give to the Oysters for joining the walk? Underline the explicitly stated reason. Is the stated reason the true reason the Walrus wants the Oysters to join him? Why or why not?

