

# Reading a poem: Dreams by Langston Hughes

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# 1. What are the things in the pictures?

- a. fly
- b. a mountain
- c. a field
- d. a frozen car
- e. snow
- f. a bird
- g. barren land
- h. a wing
- i. hold fast
- j. earth
- k. crops



## 2. Pronunciation: how many syllables?

- ***Frozen*** (2)
- *Fast* (1)
- *Bird* (1)
- ***Field*** (2 )
- *Wing* (1)
- ***Barren*** (2)



## 2. Pronunciation: how many syllables?

- Snow (1)
- **Mountain** (2)
- Fly (1)
- Earth (1)
- Crops (1)
- Land (1)
- Hold (1)



3. Meaning: match the words with the meanings.

- ***Field-*** land where you grow crops.
- ***Hold fast-*** grab strongly.
- ***Barren-*** nothing grows.
- ***Go-*** leave a place.



## *Dreams by Langston Hughes (1901-1967)*

- *Hold fast to dreams*
- *For if dreams die*
- *Life is a broken-winged bird*
- *That cannot fly*
- *Hold on to dreams*
- *For when dreams die*
- *Life is a barren field*
- *Frozen with snow*



What does the poem mean? Choose a meaning.

- When dreams die, hope dies.
- Dreams are important in your life.
- You must hold on fast to dreams.
- Life is difficult without dreams.



*Life is...*

- *Life is a collection of our experiences (Dazy)*
- *Life is full of challenges (Dazy)*
- *Life is beautiful when you know how to take your time (Ilham)*
- *Life is beautiful if you live by the sea (Svetlana)*
- *Life is difficult without trust (Edith)*

