

Freeze-Up

by Raymond Souster



I wonder at what exact moment
(I wish I'd been there)
something or someone said
"That's the very last drop going over."

And the startled waterfall
suddenly couldn't budge
and knew it was so.

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The Islands

by Margaret Atwood

There are two of them:

One larger, with steep granite
cliffs facing us, dropping sheer
to the deep lake;

the other smaller, closer
to land, with a reef running
out from it and dead trees
grey, waist-high in the water.

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- 17** What is being described in “Freeze-Up”?
- a a cold winter
 - b a drop of water
 - c a startled person
 - d a moment in time
- 18** “The Islands” is organized by
- a contrasting the two islands.
 - b moving from smaller to larger.
 - c describing the closest island first.
 - d explaining the islands’ similarities.
- 19** The word “sheer” as used in line 3 of “The Islands” means
- a slowly.
 - b steeply.
 - c waist-high.
 - d see-through.
- 20** What is farthest away from the mainland?
- a the reef
 - b the cliffs
 - c the dead trees
 - d the smaller island

21 What conclusions can be made about the speaker in the poem “Freeze-Up”? Use specific details from the poem and your own ideas to support your answer.

22 Compare these two poems. Use specific details and examples from the poems and your own ideas to support your answer.
