

Twenty little snowflakes by Leroy F.Jackson

Twenty little snowflakes climbing up a wire,

“Now listen, ” said their mother , “don’t you climb up any higher.

The sun will surely catch you , and scorch you with his fire.”

But the naughty little snowflakes didn’t mind a word she said,

Each tried to climb faster than his fellow just ahead;

They thought they’d be back in time enough to go to bed.

But they found out that their mother wasn’t quite the dunce they thought her,

The sun bobbed up –remember this, my little son and daughter-

and turned those twenty snowflakes into twenty drops of water.

1. Which word or phrase suggests that the snowflakes will be burnt?
2. Which word suggests that the snowflakes are disobeying their mother?
3. Which word means ‘to climb ‘?
4. ‘But they found out their mother wasn’t quite the dunce they thought her’ – what does this suggest about the advice their mother gave them?
5. This poem gives the idea that we should listen to the advice of others. Explain using PEE, and the structure ‘I think...because...therefore....and with reference to the text, how this idea is put across in the poem.