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**PUNA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**





**ENGLISH (HONEYSUCKLE)  
GRADE 6**

**UNIT 2  
THE KITE (POEM)**

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# Things To Learn - Poem

- **Explanation and Discussion of the poem**
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- **New vocabulary**
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- **Evaluation**



## UNIT- 2 THE KITE (POEM)

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### ➤ SUMMARY

A new kite looks bright when the sky is clear and blue. The kite takes a plunge and bends sideways. Its tail produces a cracking noise. Then suddenly the kite rises high like a ship with a sail cloth. The kite has only one sail of string. It rides over the strong winds and climbs to their top like a ship. It pulls forward when the wind is strong. But as the wind falls, it also rests for a while.

When the thread tied to the kite becomes loose, the flier rolls the thread back. Then again the flier runs until the kite is filled with wind and goes up.

On a clear blue sky, the new kite shines. But it gets torn badly when it flaps on the tree top.

## Stanza 1

How bright on the blue  
Is a kite when it's new!  
With a dive and a dip  
It snaps its tail

### Explanation

A kite looks bright on a clear sky when it flies for the first time. Its moves with softness and force together at the same time to fly makes its tail to create a cracking sound in the air.

## Stanza 2

Then soars like a ship  
With only a sail  
As over tides  
Of wind it rides,  
Climbs to the crest  
Of a gust and pulls,  
Then seems to rest  
As wind falls

## Explanation

Such moves help it to float in the sky just waves rising and falling with the sudden blow of the winds (strong winds) it goes up to the highest point in the sky in a wavy manner the way a ship moves on the ocean. But as soon as the wind slows down it seems as if it has stopped there to rest.

## Stanza 3

When string goes slack  
You wind it back  
And run until  
A new breeze blows  
And its wings fill  
And up it goes!

## Explanation

When the thread tied to the kite loosens the flier runs and rolls it back. He waits till a new breeze(air) blows again and fills its wings with air again to help it fly high.

## Stanza 4

How bright on the blue  
Is a kite when it's new!  
But a raggeder thing  
You never will see  
When it flaps on a string  
In the top of a tree.

### **Explanation**

A kite looks very bright and beautiful on a clear sky. But when it gets struck on a tree top, it gets torn and gives a poor worn out look which is not liked by anyone.

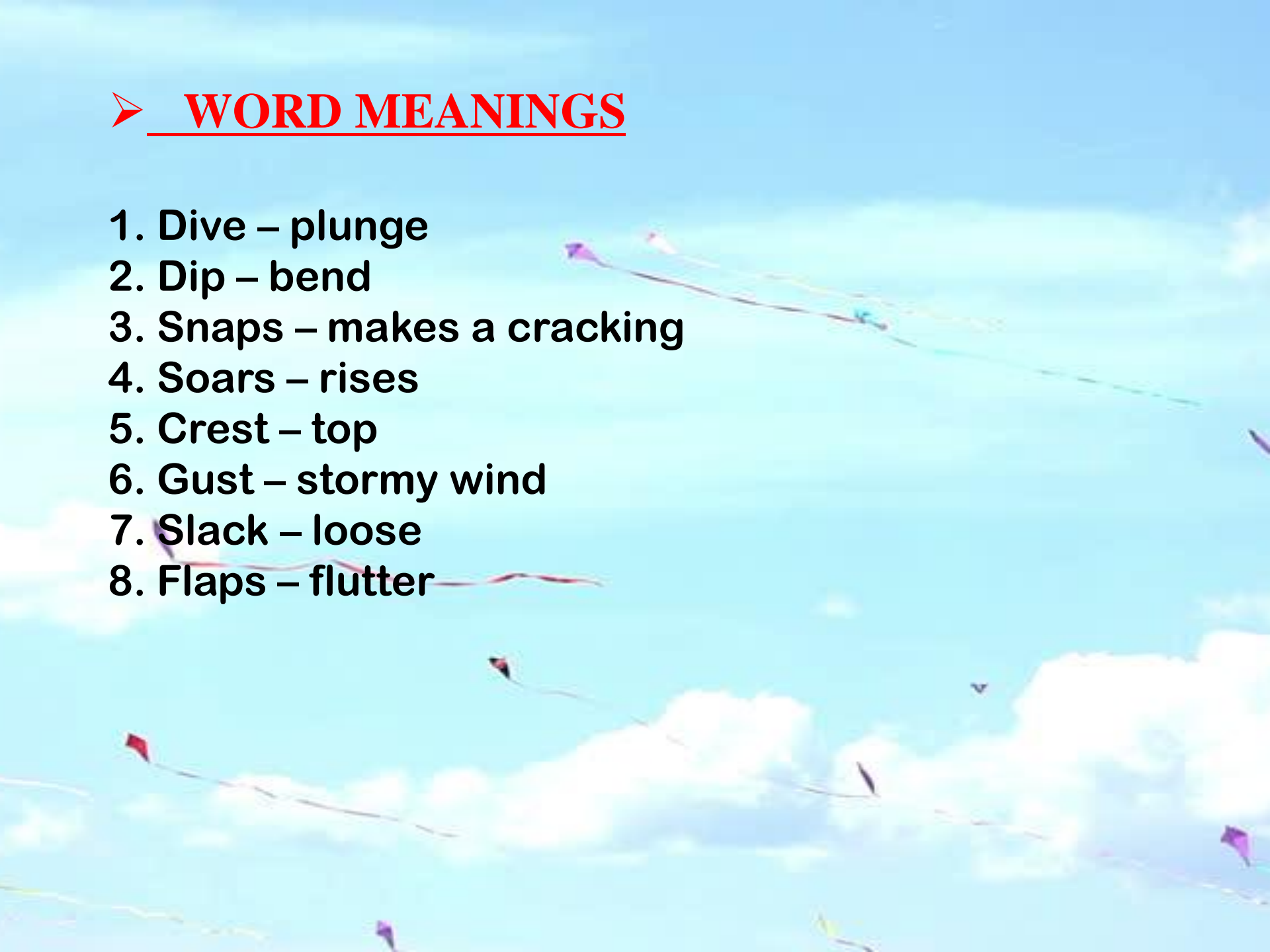


## ➤ NEW VOCABULARY

1. Soars
2. Gust
3. Flaps
4. Crest
5. Slack
6. Ragged



## ➤ WORD MEANINGS

1. Dive – plunge
  2. Dip – bend
  3. Snaps – makes a cracking
  4. Soars – rises
  5. Crest – top
  6. Gust – stormy wind
  7. Slack – loose
  8. Flaps – flutter
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## ➤ WORKING WITH THE POEM

**Q1. List out the action words in the poem**

dive, dip, snaps, soars, rides, pulls, flaps  
Find out the meanings of these words.

**dive** - to plunge

**dip** - bend

**snaps** - makes a sharp sound

**soars** - rises

**rides** - climbs, sits on the back

**pulls** - drives forward

**flaps** - flutters

## Q2. Read these lines from the poem.

Then soars like a ship.

With only a sail

The movement of the tailless kite is compared to a ship with a sail. This is called a simile.

Can you suggest what or who the following actions may be compared to?

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**Ans:**

1. He runs like a deer.
2. He eats like a wolf.
3. She sings like a nightingale.
4. It shines like a glow-worm.
5. It flies like a kite.

### •ACTIVITY

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