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Chapter 2

The Road not taken

word meanings

diverged

branched and took a different direction.

undergrowth

dense growth of plants and bushes

had not wanted wear

had not been used

hence

now, in the future.

Questions & answers

Ques 1 When does the traveller find himself?
What problem does he face?

Ans 1 The traveller find himself in a forest where two roads are going in different directions. The poet faces the problem of choosing one of them. He can't decide which road is worth taking.



Ques-2 Discuss what these phrases means

(i) a yellow wood.

A Yellow Wood means it that it is autumn season and the colour of trees has become yellow.

(ii) It was grassy and wanted wear.

"It was grassy and wanted wear"
it means that the grass was grown over the road and it was less travelled.

(iii) the passing there

The passing there means going up and down the road.

(iv) leaves no step had trodden black.

It means that leaves are not crushed under foot.

(v) how way leads on to way.

It means that one road leads someone to the other and there is no turning back.



Ques-3 Is there any difference between the two roads as the poet describes.

(i) in stanzas two and three?

⇒ The road stands for the choices of your life in the second and third stanzas. Both the roads were covered with the leaves but one road is less travelled. It was grassy. The second road was much travelled.

(ii) in the last two lines of the poem?

⇒ The poet chose the second road which was less travelled but it had made all difference in poet's life.

Ques-4 What do you think the last two lines of the poem mean? (Looking the poet regret his choice or accept it).

Ans-4 The Poet does not choose the first road. He chooses the road which was less travelled. But in future, He regret that he could not choose both the roads. Choosing the less travelled road has changed the poet's life.