

## Answers: Funeral Blues

1. It stops the ticking noise that can be irritating to the speaker (1). It signifies the stopping of time, a standstill that could also represent death (1).
2. The prevailing theme in stanza one is the theme of silence (1).
3. "let the mourners come" (1)
4. Question was incorrect, it should be stanza two. Lines 1-2: airplanes moaning shows personification of the airplanes (1). Moaning is a noise that is associated with death or dying. Therefore the poetic device is used to show death and mourning (2).
5. White doves generally symbolises peace (1) and purity (1) this draws us back to the speakers need and want for quietness.
6. The speaker talks about 'public doves' which are very common. Through referring to the public doves the speaker states that everyone, even a simple animal should be mourning as the speaker does.