The Magic Box

by Kit Wright

I will put in the box
The swish of a silk sari on a summer night,
Fire from the nostrils of a Chinese dragon,
The tip of a tongue touching a tooth.

I will put in the box
A snowman with a rumbling belly,
A sip of the bluest water from Lake Lucerne,
A leaping spark from an electric fish.

I will put into the box
Three violet wishes spoken in Gujarati,
The last joke of an ancient uncle,
And the first smile of a baby.

I will put into the box
A fifth season and a black sun,
A cowboy on a broomstick,
And a witch on a white horse.

My box is fashioned from ice and gold and steel,
With stars on the lid and secrets in the corners,
Its hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.

I shall surf in my box
On the great high-rolling breakers of the wild
Atlantic,
Then wash ashore on a yellow beach,
The colour of the sun.

The Magic Box – Vocabulary

Word Meaning – To figure out the word meaning of a word you don't know or are unsure of, do the following:

- Read the word aloud
- Read the word in the context of the sentence
- Can you work out the word class? (Is it a noun, verb or adjective or …?)
- Could you replace the word with a synonym (a word that means the same)?
- What is the root word?
- Check in a dictionary

*An antonym is the opposite of a synonym. It is a word that means the opposite.

- Love is an antonym of hate.
- Cheery and joyful are synonyms for happy.

Answer.

1. What does the word rumbling mean in 'A snowman with a rumbling belly'?
Give an example of something that rumbles. _____

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2. Find and copy a word that means the same as 'jumping' in verse 2. _____

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3. Find a synonym for the word elderly in verse 3. _____

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4. Match the word from the poem to the correct synonym and antonym.

Synonym	Words from the poem	Antonym
confidential	wild	dismantled
immense	great	last
created	first	falling
jumping	fashioned	tame
first	secrets	small
fierce	leaping	public

Extension: Can you take three more words from the poem and create synonyms and antonyms for it? Show me. _____

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