Storm at Sea - Comprehension Questions

Try to answer these questions in full sentences, using part of the question within your answer. I have included an example below.

Example:

Q - What is described as a beating drum?

A – The thunder is described as a beating drum.

Questions

1. What type of song is the wind singing?
2. What animal is the wind compared to?
3. Why has the wind been compared to this animal?
4. Why do you think the author says the thunder is ‘furious with the world’?
5. What is ‘Davy Jones’ Locker’?
6. Find and write down one line in the poem that tells us how big the waves are.
7. Why do you think the waves are compared to ‘blue bulldozers of the sea’?
8. Why do you think the author starts and finishes each verse with repeated sounds e.g. whoosh, whoosh, whoosh?

Answers

Many of these answers ask for an opinion so answers may vary. Allow marks if the answers are sensible.

1. The wind is singing a deadly song.
2. The wind is compared to a howling wolf.
3. The wind is compared to a wolf because wolves howl and the wind howls. They make a similar sound.
4. I think the author says the thunder is furious with the world because thunder is so loud and it sounds angry.
5. Davy Jones’ Locker is the bottom of the sea. It is where sailors go when they die at sea.
6. They are as tall as towering buildings in a city.
7. I think the waves are described as ‘blue bulldozers of the sea’ because bulldozers push everything out of their way and so do waves.
8. I think the author starts and finishes each verse with a repeated sound as it tells and reminds the reader of what they are hearing.