



# INDIAN SCHOOL NIZWA - WORKSHEET

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|                    | <b>ENGLISH</b><br><b>Keeping Quiet</b> |                   |
| <b>Name:</b> _____ | <b>Date:</b> _____                     | <b>Class: XII</b> |

**Answer the following in 30-40 words:**

- Q1- What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve?  
Q2- Do you think the poet advocates total inactivity and death?  
Q3- What is the 'sadness' that the poet refers to in the poem?  
Q4- What symbol from Nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be life under apparent stillness?  
Q5- What does Neruda mean by 'an exotic moment without rush' in his poem, 'Keeping Quiet'?  
Q6- How, according to Neruda, can keeping quiet change our attitude to life?  
Q7- Why shouldn't we "speak in any language" and "not move our arms so much"?  
Q8- What does the poet ask the fisherman and the man collecting salt to do? What does he exactly want to convey by this?  
Q9- What alternative does Pablo Neruda suggest instead of indulging in wars?  
Q10- How does the poet distinguish 'stillness' from 'total inactivity'? Why does Neruda say "I want no truck with death"?  
Q11- Justify the title 'Keeping Quiet'.  
Q12- What are the different kinds of war mentioned in the poem that the poet is against?  
Q13- Why does the poet feel that we should not be so single-minded?  
Q14- Give two reasons why, according to Pablo Neruda, is 'keeping quiet' is essential to attaining a better, more peaceful world.

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