

# “Dragonfly” Word Exploration

**Directions:** Write or draw words & phrases that might be used in place of those from the poem.

**Word or Phrase from the poem:** *It skims the ponds surface*

Words & Phrases  
that evoke a *similar* image or feeling:

It...

*flies calmly*  
*glides across*  
*moves smoothly*  
*sails*

Words & Phrases  
that evoke a *different* image or feeling:

It...

*flies unsteadily over the water*  
*flies wildly and uncontrolled*  
*bobs up and down*  
*darts around crazily*  
*jumps across the pond*

**Word or Phrase from the poem:** *Outspread wings blur with speed*

Words & Phrases  
that evoke a *similar* image or feeling:

*Outspread wings...*

*move fast*  
*flap quickly*  
*beat fast*  
*flutter rapidly*  
*beat like a hummingbird*

Words & Phrases  
that evoke a *different* image or feeling:

*Outspread wings...*

*glide*  
*slowly flap*  
*move up and down*  
*soar*

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## Word or Phrase from the poem: *It touches down*

Words & Phrases  
that evoke a similar image or feeling:

It...

*lands softly*  
*gently touches*  
*lightly rests*  
*tiptoes*

Words & Phrases  
that evoke a different image or feeling:

It...

*nose-dives*  
*crashes*  
*lands hard*  
*splats*

## Word or Phrase from the poem: *Wings flicker and still*

Words & Phrases  
that evoke a similar image or feeling:

Wings...

*flap and stop*  
*flutter and freeze*  
*move and rest*

Words & Phrases  
that evoke a different image or feeling:

Wings...

*beat wildly*  
*move constantly*  
*steadily go up and down*