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## Worksheet: The Laburnum Top (Ted Hughes)

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**Q1.** Explain the simile 'sleek as a lizard' for the goldfinch. Why is a lizard (rather than a bird) used? *[2 marks]*

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**Q2.** How does Ted Hughes use the metaphors 'machine' and 'engine' to describe the laburnum tree? What do these metaphors suggest about life and energy? *[3 marks]*

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**Q3.** How does the poem use CONTRAST (before, during, and after the goldfinch's visit) to convey its central idea? Refer closely to the poem. *[4 marks]*

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