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Reading Comprehension Grade: 4 _____/9

Read the passage carefully. Then read the questions about the passage, and answer the questions.

HOMEWORK

What is it about homework
that makes me want to write
my aunt Carol to thank her for
the sweater that's too tight?

What is it about homework
that makes me volunteer
to take the garbage out
While the bugs and flies are there?

What is it about homework
that makes me pick up socks
that are stink from days and days of wear
and then clean out my toy box?

What is it about homework
that makes me wash my hair
and take an hour combing out
the tangles that are there?

What is it about homework?
You know, I wish I knew,
Because on nights when I've got homework
I find so much to do!



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1. What is the name of one chore that is mention in the poem?

   _____

2. **'What is about homework'?** This statement is telling us that:
   a) the poet likes doing homework
   b) the poet dislikes doing homework
   c) the poet is too busy to do homework
   d) the poet believes homework is fun.

3. Write the word from verse **TWO** which means the same **as 'to offer oneself to help'**. _____

4. Why does the poet takes a long time to comb her hair?

   _____

5. Write the **sentence** from the poem which tells you that the poet was not concerned about doing homework.

   _____

6. Using the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 put the sentences in the order that the events happened in the poem.
   _____ writes a letter to his aunt
   _____ picks up socks
   _____ takes out the garbage
   _____ cleans out the toy box.