

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?  
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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'.  
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4. Why does the poet takes a long time to comb her hair?  
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5. Write the sentence from the poem which tells you that the poet was not concerned about doing homework.  
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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.