

The persona in the poem tells of his feelings of sadness and being neglected. To express these feelings, he compares himself to several things found in the home. The metal (1) _____ from a drink can and food (2) _____ from an unwashed porridge pan are usually discarded. Broken parts of discarded last year's (3) _____ are usually thrown out too. Only (4) _____ with gum are useful. Sticky tapes, a stapleless (5) _____, a broken (6) _____ clip and liquid paper are popular items in our collection of stationery aids. However, they are useful if they are serviceable. The same goes for parts of a car. The (7) _____ must be well-charged and the starter motor workable for the car to work well. A lifeless sparking plug, a choked (8) _____ and a dull chromium trim all add to make the car unattractive. The persona feels like an unkempt garden, an untouched library book and an unfed stray on the street or an unheeded piece of good advice.