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# Literary Elements

Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

*Trust is fragile  
It is a thin shiny crystal sheet of glass,  
It is like mom's fine china  
As delicate as a dragonfly's wing  
When carrying eggs your steps are slow and careful,  
One step a minute  
This is how you treat someone's trust  
It is not something to take advantage of,  
It is not a cast iron skillet that will withstand intense pressure  
Or an inexpensive object which can easily be replaced.  
When you break someone's trust-  
Poof, it's gone.  
You may never get it back  
It disappears down the road of no return  
Where it is destroyed, derelict and doomed.*



**1. Which statement best describes the main idea of the poem? (1 mark)**

- a. It is important to trust others.
- b. Trust can be easily broken.
- c. Not many people should be trusted.
- d. Trust is believing someone is truthful.

**2. To what THREE things are trust compared? (3 marks)**

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**3. Identify the literary element shown by the following. (1 mark each)**

- a. destroyed, derelict and doomed \_\_\_\_\_

- b. It is a thin shiny crystal sheet of glass \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Poof \_\_\_\_\_
- d. It (Trust) disappears down the road of no return \_\_\_\_\_
- e. As delicate as a dragonfly's wing \_\_\_\_\_
- f. When carrying eggs your steps are slow, one step a minute  
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**4. Why do you think the author used eggs in the fifth line? (2 marks)**

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**5. Write a sentence in which trust is personified? (2 marks)**

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