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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)

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

4. Why do you think the author used eggs in the fifth line? (2 marks)

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