

Compare and Contrast Homework Practice

Messy Matt

1. Matt was already late for school, but he could not find his shoes. He looked under the bed, but all he found was his baseball mitt, a book, and some old socks. He looked through the disorganized closet and in the bathroom. He could not find his shoes. He was going to miss the bus.
2. There was a large heap of clothes on the bedroom floor. Matt threw each piece of clothing across the room into another pile. When he got to the bottom of the mound, he found his favorite comic book, but he still could not locate his shoes. He knew that if he didn't find his shoes quickly, his mother would start to lose her patience.
3. Matt's mother did not like his messy room. Almost daily, Matt's mother told him to clean up his room. However, Matt's idea of cleaning was to throw everything under the bed so it would appear to be clean.
4. *If only I'd really listen to mom, then I could find what I needed. I would know where my shoes are and I wouldn't be late!* thought Matt. He tried to remember taking off his shoes the day before. Did he take them off at the back door? He ran to look on the porch and in the living room.
5. "Matt!" his mother called. "What is taking you so long? At this rate you are going to miss the bus. I know you still have to put your shoes on because I see them by the dog's bowl. Hurry up or you won't make it to school on time!"
6. Matt ran over to Harry's bowl and saw his brand-new tennis shoes covered with teeth marks. Next to the bowl was Harry the dog was peacefully sleeping.

1. Paragraph 4 from the story and line 10 from the poem show that the characters are similar because they both -

- A. have pets
- B. lost shoes
- C. are forgetful
- D. have piles of junk

What I Found In My Desk

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1. A ripe peach with an ugly bruise,
2. a pair of stinky tennis shoes,
3. a day-old ham-and-cheese on rye,
4. a swimsuit that I left to dry,
5. a pencil that glows in the dark,
6. some bubble gum found in the park,
7. a paper bag with cookie crumbs,
8. an old kazoo that barely hums,
9. a Spelling test that I almost failed,
10. a letter I should have mailed
11. and one more thing, I must confess,
12. a note from teacher, **Clean This Mess!!!**

2. The character of Matt's is similar to the speaker of the poem because they -
 - A. are both looking for something they have lost.
 - B. have mothers who want them to clean up.
 - C. have a hard time being organized.
 - D. hold on to old things that need to be thrown away.

Directions: Select the one correct answer.

3. Which word describes both Matt's mom and the speaker's teacher?

disorganized

frustrated

helpful