

Task 2

- You are going to read an anecdote about the Scottish poet, Robert Burns. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (10-17) after the text.
- Use only one word in each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



POETIC WISDOM

Robert Burns, the great Scottish poet, loved common people and wrote for (0) Though he had little formal education, he was well read and talented. He began to be recognized (10) a poet when his first poems were published in 1786.

One day when Burns was walking near the docks, he heard a man crying (11) help. He ran towards the water and saw a young sailor jump off the dock. The sailor started to swim towards the man, who was already drowning. Although it was (12) easy, the sailor saved the man. It turned (13) that the man who survived the incident was a very rich merchant. He thanked the brave sailor and gave him a shilling.

A large crowd of people gathered around them. All the people considered the sailor to be a hero, so they (14) displeased when the rich man offered only a shilling. Many people were protesting, but the merchant did not (15) any attention to them. At that moment Burns approached the crowd and wondered (16) the matter was. He was told the whole story. Burns was not surprised (17) the behaviour of the rich merchant. He said: "Leave him alone. The gentleman is the best judge of what his life is worth."

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