Chapter 16: An Information Bureau

Match the lines from the poem with the correct literary devices.

Column A:	Column B:
1. "An information bureau right in our home you'll find."	Personification
2. "Of course it is our mother, so loving and so kind."	Rhyme
3. "We're sure that she can tell us just where we left our things."	Alliteration
4. "Where is my hat? That's Father, and Jack's mislaid a book."	Repetition
5. "I've lost my specs, calls Grandma. Please, will you give a look?"	Metaphor
6. "We always go to Mother, and Mother seems to know."	Simile

Multiple-Choice Questions

1. What is the central metaphor of the poem?

   a) The home as a busy office where everyone works tirelessly

   b) Lost items as symbols of life's chaos

   c) The family as a team solving puzzles together

   d) The mother as an information bureau managing family inquiries

2. Why does the poet use the AABB rhyme scheme?

   a) To mimic the repetitive questions asked in a household

   b) To create a playful, musical tone that mirrors family life

   c) To emphasize the mother's frustration with constant demands

   d) To contrast the chaos of lost items with order

3. Which line best exemplifies alliteration?

   a) "Of course it is our mother, so loving and so kind."

   b) "I've lost my specs, calls Grandma. Please, will you give a look?"

   c) "Where is my hat? That's Father, and Jack's mislaid a book."

   d) "An information bureau, yes, really that is so;"

4. What does the repetition of "Where is...?" emphasize?

   a) The mother's exhaustion from constant demands

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b) The family's dependence on the mother's memory

c) The humorous chaos of a busy household

d) All of the above

5. How is personification used in the poem?

a) The lost items are described as hiding deliberately

b) The mother is portrayed as magically omniscient ("seems to know")

c) The house is given human-like qualities

d) The bureau is imagined as a living entity

6. What tone does the poem primarily convey?

a) Frustrated and critical of the mother's role

b) Melancholic about lost childhood items

c) Humorous and affectionate toward family dynamics

d) Formal, like a government report

7. Which literary device is NOT used in the poem?

a) Simile

b) Metaphor

c) Onomatopoeia

d) Alliteration

8. What is the purpose of describing the mother as "loving and kind"?

a) To contrast her patience with the family's forgetfulness

b) To highlight her emotional labor beyond just finding items

c) To suggest she deserves more appreciation

d) All of the above

9. How does the poem structure its stanzas to reflect its theme?

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a) Short, abrupt lines to show frustration

b) Couplets with rhymes to mirror playful family interactions

c) Free verse to represent chaos

d) Long paragraphs to emphasize the mother's workload

10. What universal idea does the poem celebrate?

a) The invisibility of mothers' contributions

b) The humor in everyday family life

c) The importance of organizational skills

d) Both a and b

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