

Literary Appreciation

THE GRUMBLE FAMILY

Read the poetic lines and answer the questions below....

1. There's a family nobody likes to meet
They live, it is said, on Complaining Street
In the city of Never-Are-Satisfied,
The River of Discontent beside.

a. Pick out the rhyming words _____

b. The rhyme scheme is _____

2. They growl at that and they growl at this;
Whatever comes, there is something amiss;
And whether their station be high or humble,
They are all known by the name of Grumble.

a. Pick out the rhyming words _____

b. The figure of speech employed in the first line is _____

c. The figure of speech employed in the third line is _____

d. The rhyme scheme is _____

3. The weather is always too hot or cold;
Summer and winter alike they scold.
Nothing goes right with the folks you meet
Down on that gloomy Complaining Street.

a. Pick out the rhyming words _____

b. The figure of speech employed in the first line is _____

c. The figure of speech employed in the second line is _____

d. The figure of speech employed in the last line is _____

4. They growl at the rain and they growl at the sun;
In fact, their growling is never done.
And if everything pleased them, there isn't a doubt
They'd growl that they'd nothing to grumble about!

a. Pick out the rhyming words _____

b. The figure of speech employed in the first line is _____

c. Pick out the alliterated words from the third line

5. The worst thing is that if anyone stays
Among them too long, he will learn their ways;
And before he dreams of the terrible jumble
He's adopted into the family of Grumble.

- a. Pick out the rhyming words _____
- b. The figure of speech employed in the third line is _____
- c. The alliterated words in the second line are _____
- d. The rhyme scheme for the given stanza is _____

6. **And whether their station be high or humble,...**

Pick out the alliterated words from the above line _____

7. **They live, it is said, on Complaining Street**

The figure of Speech employed here is _____

8. **In the city of Never-Are-Satisfied,
The River of Discontent beside.**

The figure of Speech employed in the given lines is _____