

Elements of Poetry

All My Great Excuses

I started on my homework
But my pen ran out of ink
My hamster ate my homework
My computer's on the blink

I accidentally dropped it
In the soup my mom was cooking
My brother flushed it down the toilet
When I wasn't looking.

My mother ran my homework
Through the washer and dryer,
An airplane crashed into our house
My homework caught on fire.

Tornadoes blew my homework away
Volcanoes struck our town
My notes were taken hostage
By an evil killer clown.

Some aliens abducted me
I had a shark attack
A pirate swiped my homework
And refused to give it back.

I worked on these excuses
So darned long my teacher said,
I think you'll find it's easier
To do the work instead.

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1. What is the title of the poem?

2. Who is the poet of this poem?

3. How many stanzas does this poem have?

4. What is the rhyming scheme of this poem?

5. List two elements that are not in this poem?
 - i.

 - ii.

6. List three excuses the poet gave for not being able to hand in his homework.

i.

ii.

iii.

7. What is the tone of the poem?

8. Where do you think this poem took place?

9. State the line in the poem that supports your answer.

10. Do you think the person in the poem is an adult?

11. Give a reason for your answer.

12. Do you think the person in the poem is a honest person? Why?