

1 Write down two things that the poet thinks are impolite.

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2 Write down one adjective to describe the behaviour of "swear words" (line 7) according to the poem. Why do you think swear words are written about in this way?

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3 Why do you think the poet says that hyphenated words "hold hands" (line 14)?

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4 Why do you think line 20 is separated from all the other lines in the poem?

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5 What technique does the poet use to make the words seem alive? Circle one.

- a. irony b. personification c. hyperbole d. exaggeration

6 Which is your favourite line in this poem? Explain your answer.

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7 Some people might say that dictionaries are boring books. Do you think this poem makes dictionaries seem boring or interesting? Explain your answer.

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