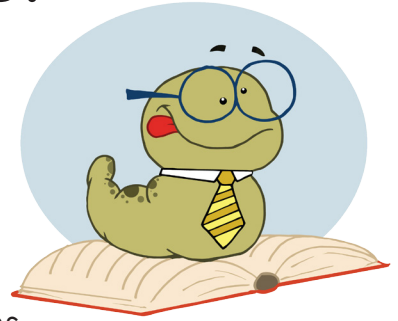


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## But it doesn't rhyme!

Poetry is a type of writing that puts thoughts and feelings into words in condensed form. Poems often rhyme, but they don't have to. "How Things Work" by Gary Soto is a poem that doesn't rhyme.



Instructions: Read this poem, and answer the questions below to explore the thoughts and feelings it contains.

1. The poet lists many items in the poem. List 6 items the poet writes about.

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2. Find one example of an action in the poem. Copy the line below.

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3. The speaker of the poem is talking to someone. Whom does he address? (Hint: This happens about halfway through the poem.)

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4. Find the simile in the poem. Copy it below.

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5. What two things does this simile compare?

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6. Why do you think the poet ends the poem with, "I guess"?

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7. How does the poem make you feel?

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8. What in the poem did you enjoy? What did you dislike?

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9. Read the poem aloud. What do you notice about how the poem sounds?

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