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# Betty's Spaghetti

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Betty's spaghetti  
Is never quite ready.  
It's sometimes too sweaty.  
It's sometimes too slick.



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sometimes it wiggles and  
Sometimes it wriggles and  
Sometimes it squiggles and  
Sometimes it squirms.

Please don't tell Betty...  
I don't think she's ready  
To learn her spaghetti  
Is all full of worms.

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1. List two things that are wrong with Betty's spaghetti.

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2.



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3.

- a. Betty cooks perfect spaghetti.
- b. Betty thinks her spaghetti is great.
- c. Betty has never tried her spaghetti.
- d. Betty only eats meatballs.

4. In stanza four, what do you find out is the problem with Betty's spaghetti?

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5. How could Betty have mistaken worms for spaghetti? What is similar about the two?

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.  
Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell  
each word correctly.

1. s \_ \_ a \_ \_ h e \_ \_ \_ i

**hint:** long, thin pasta

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2.



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3.

4. \_ \_ w e \_ \_ t y

**hint:** small drops of liquid on skin

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_ \_ u \_ \_ h \_ \_

**hint:** soft and wet

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. s l \_ \_ \_ k

**hint:** smooth and slippery

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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