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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.

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?

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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