Betty's Spaghetti

By Neal Levin

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

It's sometimes too mushy.
It's sometimes too gushy.
It's sometimes too squooshy.
It's sometimes too sick.

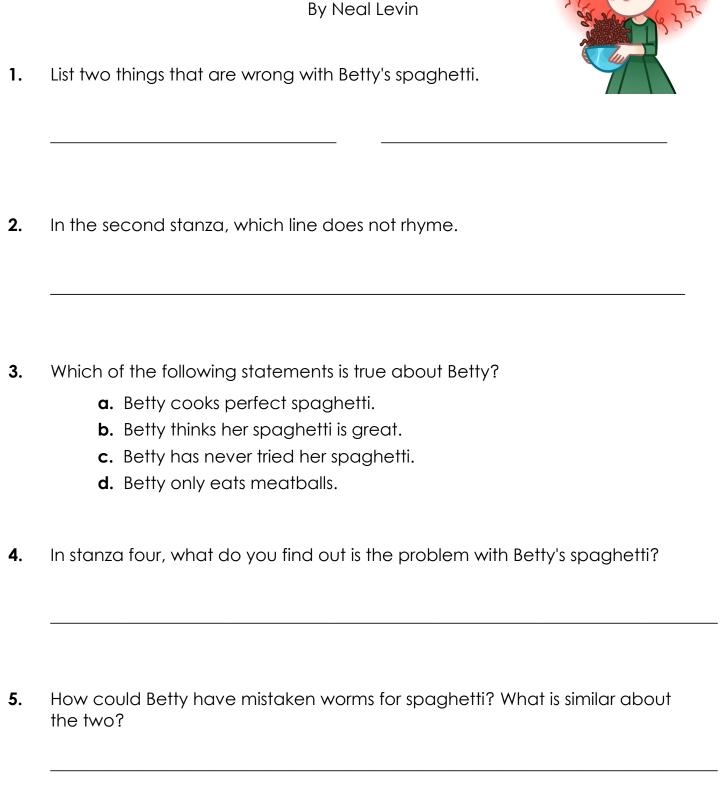


Sometimes it wiggles and Sometimes it wriggles and Sometimes it squiggles and Sometimes it squirms.

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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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.



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hint: long, thin pasta

1. _____

2. w ____ g ____ s

2. _____

hint: quick movements side to side

3. s ____ u i ____ s

3. _____

hint: twisting movements caused by boredom or nervousness

4. ____ w e ____ † y

4. _____

hint: small drops of liquid on skin

5. ____ u ___ h ___

5.

hint: soft and wet

6. sl____ k

6.

hint: smooth and slippery

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

answers will vary



2. In the second stanza, which line does not rhyme.

"It's sometimes too sick" does not rhyme with the other lines.

- 3. Which of the following statements is true about Betty? **b**
 - 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?

In the end we found out Betty's spaghetti was full of worms.

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

Betty could have mistaken worms for spaghetti because both spaghetti and worms are long, skinny, and slimy.

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1. spaghetti

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2. wiggles

hint: quick movements side to side

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3. squirms

squirms hint: twisting movements caused by boredom or nervousness

4. sweaty

hint: small drops of liquid on skin

4. sweaty

3.

5. <u>m</u> u <u>s</u> h <u>y</u>

hint: soft and wet

5. **mushy**

6. slick

hint: smooth and slippery

slick