Betty's Spaghetti

By Neal Levin

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

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

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3. Which of the following statements is true about Betty?
   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*
   
2. w ____ ____ g ____ ____

3. s ____ u i ____  ____s
   *hint: twisting movements caused by boredom or nervousness*

4. ____ w e ____ t y
   *hint: small drops of liquid on skin*

5. ____ u ____ h ____
   *hint: soft and wet*

6. s l ____ ____ k
   *hint: smooth and slippery*
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   answers will vary

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

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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
   hint: long, thin pasta

2. wiggles
   hint: quick movements side to side

3. squirms
   hint: twisting movements caused by boredom or nervousness

4. sweaty
   hint: small drops of liquid on skin

5. mushy
   hint: soft and wet

6. slick
   hint: smooth and slippery