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# 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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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

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

2. w \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ s

**hint:** quick movements side to side

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. s \_ \_ u i \_ \_ \_ s

**hint:** twisting movements caused by boredom or nervousness

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. \_\_\_\_\_

## ANSWER KEY

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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**

2. w **i** g **g** l e **s**

**hint:** quick movements side to side

2. **wiggles**

3. s **q** u i **r** m **s**

**hint:** twisting movements caused by boredom or nervousness

3. **squirms**

4. **s** w e **a** t y

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

4. **sweaty**

5. **m** u **s** h **y**

**hint:** soft and wet

5. **mushy**

6. s l **i** c k

**hint:** smooth and slippery

6. **slick**