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# Help the World

by Neal Levin



A garden full of friendship

And a river full of joy.

A land of life and liberty

For every girl and boy.

A planet full of freedom,

Full of peace, and full of fun.

These are things I hope

That I can help the world become.

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1. What does the poet hope for in this poem?
  - a. He hopes he can play in the river with his friends.
  - b. He hopes to plant a garden in the spring.
  - c. He hopes to travel to other parts of the world.
  - d. He hopes to make the world a better place to live.
  
2. What is the tone, or mood, of this poem?
  - a. lonely
  - b. proud
  - c. hopeful
  - d. guilty
  
3. Alliteration is a poetry term that refers to several words in a row that start with the same letter, such as “bigger and better”.  
Choose which words from the poem represent alliteration.
  - a. “river full of joy”
  - b. “land of life and liberty”
  - c. “things I hope”
  - d. “help the world become”
  
4. What is the rhyming pattern of this poem? Use the letters A, B, C, and D.  
  
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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the poem.

Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. f r \_ \_ e d \_ \_ m

**clue:** the right to be independent

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

2. p l \_ \_ n \_ \_ t

**clue:** an object that orbits the sun

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

3. f r i \_ \_ n \_ \_ s \_ \_ i p

**clue:** the state of being friends

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. l i \_ \_ e r \_ \_ y

**clue:** another word for freedom;  
independence

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

5. p \_ \_ a \_ \_ e

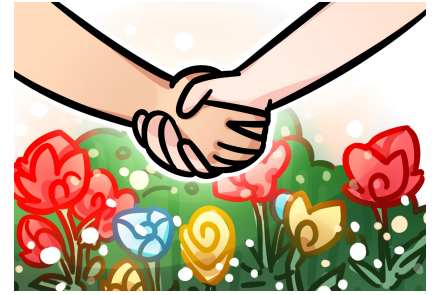
**clue:** a state of quietness; harmony

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

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In the poem, "Help the World," the poet uses colorful language to describe the changes he wants to help make in the world.

On the lines below, write a paragraph to describe three changes you want to see in the world we live in. Give three examples of how you can help make these changes in the world.

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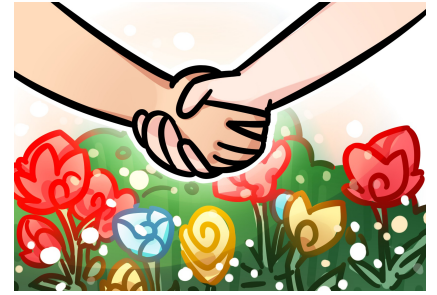
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**A**

**B**

**C**

**B**

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| 1. f r <u>e</u> e d <u>o</u> m<br><b>clue:</b> the right to be independent               | 1. <u>freedom</u>    |
| 2. p l <u>a</u> n <u>e</u> t<br><b>clue:</b> an object that orbits the sun               | 2. <u>planet</u>     |
| 3. f r i <u>e</u> n <u>d</u> s <u>h</u> i p<br><b>clue:</b> the state of being friends   | 3. <u>friendship</u> |
| 4. l i <u>b</u> e r <u>t</u> y<br><b>clue:</b> another word for freedom;<br>independence | 4. <u>liberty</u>    |
| 5. p <u>e</u> a <u>c</u> e<br><b>clue:</b> a state of quietness; harmony                 | 5. <u>peace</u>      |