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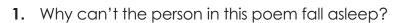


I go to bed. I close my eyes, but specters in my mind arise. I punch my pillow, toss and moan. Clearly, I am not alone. I crack an eyelid, scan the room that's when I see dark shadows loom. I rub my eyes so hard they burn. I crumple up my sheets and turn. I struggle, wrestle through the night, then, finally, at dawn's first light: as sunbeams 'cross my window creep, I shudder twice and fall asleep.

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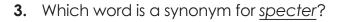
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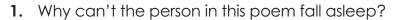
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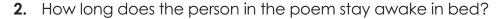
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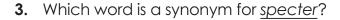
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