

Grade 4 Poetry

Read the following passage and answer questions 1 through 6.

My Writing Is an Awful Mess

1. My writing is an awful mess,
2. And my teacher asked me why.
3. "I zoom through my assignments,"
4. I told her with a sigh."

5. "I want to finish all this work
6. So I can yack with friends,
7. I simply cannot wait until
8. The school day finally ends."

9. "I never check my spelling and
10. Punctuation, I don't try
11. For if I spent my time on these,
12. My... social life would die."

13. "It's talking with my friends each day
14. That keeps my whole world bright,
15. And I don't want to give this up,
16. Just to get my schoolwork right"

1 **Read this line from the poem.**

I never check my spelling and

Which meaning of the word check is being used?

- A fabric with a pattern of squares
- B look over for errors
- C a mark indicating completion
- D a written order to pay money

2 **Which guide words would appear on a dictionary page containing the word "mess"?**

- A meow, merchant
- B mesh, message
- C mercury, mermaid
- D messenger, messy

3 **Which of these statements best describes the poet?**

- A The poet would rather talk with friends than do the writing assignment.
- B The poet feels proud and satisfied about her writing.
- C The poet feels sad because she doesn't write very well.
- D The poet enjoys writing and works hard at it.

4 **In line 6, what does the word yack mean?**

- A talk
- B sleep
- C study
- D eat

5 **Look at the dictionary entry.**

zoom (zoom)

- 1. To move quickly.
- 2. To increase suddenly.
- 3. To bring a subject close up.
- 4. To move suddenly with a loud buzzing sound.

Which meaning of zoom is used in line 3?

- A Definition 1
- B Definition 2
- C Definition 3
- D Definition 4

6 **Which word from the poem uses the suffix that means "process of"?**

- A social
- B awful
- C punctuation
- D assignments