

# Read. Think. Explain.

In trying to understand a poem, it's important to read through it carefully and thoughtfully, focusing on the words the author chose *and* how the poet used these words to convey a certain feeling or image. In this activity, you'll answer a series of questions about Linda Ashman's "Untidy Ursula" in order to grasp its full meaning.

**Directions:** Answer the questions below, using information and details from the poem to back up your ideas.

**1. What is the tone, or feeling of this poem? How does the author create it?**

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**2. What is the rhyme pattern of this poem?**

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**3. Why do you think the poet wrote this poem?**

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**4. What literary device does the author use in the poem? What effect does it have?**

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