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“Untidy Ursula” Quiz

Directions: Read the poem “Untidy Ursula” on page 32 of the October 2008 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. Where does this poem take place?

- Ⓐ Ursula’s basement
- Ⓑ Ursula’s bedroom
- Ⓒ Ursula’s attic
- Ⓓ Ursula’s desk at school

2. This poem uses many synonyms for messy.

Which of the following words from the poem is not one of them?

- Ⓐ chaotic
- Ⓑ unkempt
- Ⓒ untidy
- Ⓓ encrusted

3. What is the rhyme pattern of this poem?

- Ⓐ AABBCDD
- Ⓑ ABAB
- Ⓒ ABAC
- Ⓓ ABCB

4. Why doesn’t Ursula clean her room when her father asks her?

- Ⓐ She is disobedient.
- Ⓑ She doesn’t know how.
- Ⓒ She is buried under a pile of junk.
- Ⓓ She dislikes when people tell her what to do.

Critical Thinking

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, write your answers in well-organized paragraphs. Make sure you support each answer with information and details from the poem!

5. The poet lists many of the items in Ursula’s room. What effect does this list create for the reader?

6. Why might a poet write a poem for young people about a messy room?