

TODAY I WROTE  
THIS POEM

Date: / /

① Who do you think is the 'I' in the poem - The poet or a school child? Give reason.

→ The 'I' in the poem is a school child because she/he submitted a poem to the teacher for review.

2. According to the teacher, what elements should a good poem have?

→ According to the teacher, a good poem should have such elements as metaphors, similes, narrative, alliteration, acrostic, haiku, diamante, personification and a plot, but above all a good poem should share the deep feelings of the poet.

3. What do you think the phrase 'she made a fuss' in the last stanza really means?

→ The phrase in the last stanza, 'she made a fuss' means that the teacher was really impressed with the poem.

② 'Today I wrote this poem' does not have most of the elements that according to the teacher, a good poem should have. Do you think the poem is good? Why? Why not?

→ Although the poem "Today I wrote this poem" does not have most of the elements of a good poem, it is still a good poem. It narrates a child's enjoyment in writing a poem, his/her fear whether it will be liked by the teacher, and after that but at last the happiness that the child gets on receiving the A+++! There is also a note of <sup>surprise</sup> ~~humour~~ at the end when the child receives an unexpected grade from the teacher.

- (F) 1. all that great poetic stuff. Phrase  
 2. The poem has many metaphors. Sentence  
 3. There is no plot in this poem. Sentence  
 4. Pretty sure. Phrase  
 5. I read poems everyday. Sentence  
 6. At seven in the morning. Phrase

- (G) 1. adjective phrase  
 2. adverb phrase  
 3. Noun phrase  
 4. adjective phrase  
 5. Noun phrase  
 6. adverb phrase