

## POEMS – ANSWERS

Read each statement. Then tick (✓) the right column.

	A Valentine for Mum	Valentine's Day Card	Both
a. The poem is about Valentine's Day.			✓
b. The poet is Kenn Nesbitt.			✓
c. The poem has six stanzas.	✓		
d. The poem has rhyming words.			✓
e. One stanza has twelve verses.		✓	
f. The poet is exaggerating.			✓

Questions on the poem 'A Valentine for Mum'.

1. Draw the box of chocolates which the poet bought for his mother.



2. In Stanza 2, the poet says, 'I couldn't pick it up.' Why does he say so?

**The chocolate box was big and heavy.**

3. Copy from Stanza 4, the line that shows that his mum was surprised.

**“you should have seen her eyes”/ “I clearly had impressed her”**

4. 'Gargantuan' means huge. Write down another word which means the same.

**gigantic/enormous**

## Questions on the poem 'Valentines' Day Card'.

1. The poet prefers to fight a **tiger**, scrub **toilets** and hug a **porcupine** rather than write a Valentine's Day card.

2. Write down THREE other things the poet would rather do, than write a Valentine's Day Card.

**wrestle eels/run a marathon with splinters in his heels/sleep on mattresses of razor blades and nails/skinny-dip with starving killer whales ...**

3. Copy from the poem, the name of a:

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| a. competition | <b>marathon/camel race</b>     |
| b. room        | <b>bedroom</b>                 |
| c. vegetable   | <b>Brussel sprouts/spinach</b> |
| d. sea animal  | <b>eels/killer whale</b>       |

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Which is your favourite poem?

**Varied answers**

Why?

**Varied answers**

Describe your favourite poem using one word.

**Varied answers**