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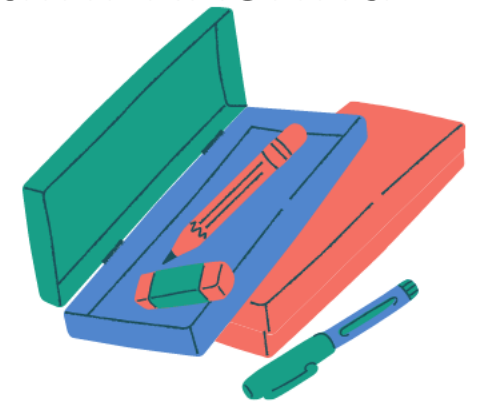
AMANDA



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Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda

(There is a languid, emerald sea,

Where the sole inhabitant is me

A mermaid drifting blissfully.)

- Languid: Reluctant/Hesitant/Not wanting to do something
- Emerald: Green
- Mermaid: imaginary sea creature with the upper body of a female and the lower body with a fish
- Sole: Alone
- Drifting: Slow movement

Did you finish your homework, Amanda?

Did you tidy your room, Amanda?

I thought I told you to clean your shoes, Amanda

○Tidy: Clean

I am an orphan, roaming the street

I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

○Orphan: A child without parents

○Roam: Walk

○Hushed: Quiet

○silence is golden: She is loving the silence

Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda!

Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!

(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;

Life in a tower is tranquil and rare;

I'll certainly never let down my bright hair)

- Tranquil: Calm
- Rare: Unique
- I'll certainly never let down my bright hair: She will not open her hair to be taken by a prince away from this tower.

Stop that sulking at once, Amanda!

You're always so moody, Amanda!

Anyone would think that I nagged at you, Amanda!

- Sulking: Complain/ To be upset about something
- Moody: often changing feelings
- Nagged: To irritate

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. List the things Amanda's mother nags her for?
2. Justify the title of the poem 'Amanda'.
3. Do you think it is Amanda's fault in the poem?
4. Does Amanda's mother have a nagging behaviour. Justify your answer.
5. What does Amanda want? What does this poem tell you about AManda?

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Would you call Amanda a disrespectful child? Justify your answer.
2. Does the reader sympathize with Amanda? Support this opinion with a reason.
3. Discuss the importance of proper upbringing with reference to the poem "Amanda".
4. How does Amanda tackle the nagging nature of her mother? Explain with examples from the poem.
5. Amanda wants to be Rapunzel, a beautiful princess living in a tranquil tower? Write a character sketch of Amanda in the light of this remark.

EXTRACT BASED QUESTIONS:

There is a languid, emerald sea,
Where the sole inhabitant is me –
A mermaid drifting blissfully?

1. Who does 'me' stand for?
2. How does 'me' feel?
3. Which word in the extract means opposite of sorrowfully?
4. Why does Amanda want to be a mermaid?

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