

Read the poem. Use each Think About It to guide your reading.

Think About It

Do you notice a rhyming pattern as you read?

What does it mean to have a mind "as sharp as a knife"?

What happens after Mary wakes up the neighbors?

Mary's Great Fright!

I once knew a young man named Bobby,
who had a very unusual hobby.
On his shelf he had jars
filled with bugs from the car's
5 windshields where he'd found them all blobby.
We all liked Mary, his wife,
whose mind was as sharp as a knife.
But one summer's night
she had such a fright:
10 Bobby's bugs all came back to life!
Oh, how loud Mary screamed,
Her voice a siren beamed
so loud it woke neighbors both big and small.
But when her eyes opened, she realized it all
15 was just something crazy she dreamed.

Hints

Remember: A stanza is a grouping of lines. Words that rhyme have the same ending sound.

The author compares Mary's mind to a knife by using the word *as*.

When Mary wakes up, what does she discover?

Use the Hints to answer the questions below. Circle the letter of each correct answer. Provide supporting details.

1 In the first stanza, which three lines end with words that rhyme with each other?

- A Lines 1, 2, and 3
- B Lines 1, 2, and 5
- C Lines 2, 3, and 4
- D Lines 3, 4, and 5

Supporting Details: _____

2 Read these lines from the poem.

We all liked Mary, his wife,
whose mind was as sharp as a knife.

What kind of figurative language is the author using here?

- A lyrical
- B humorous
- C metaphor
- D simile

Supporting Details: _____

3 What does Mary realize in the third stanza?

- A She's sorry she woke up her neighbors.
- B Bobby's bug collection was a bad idea.
- C She only dreamed that the bugs came to life.
- D Collecting dead bugs is an unusual hobby.

Supporting Details: _____



With your partner,
share and discuss
your answers and
supporting details.