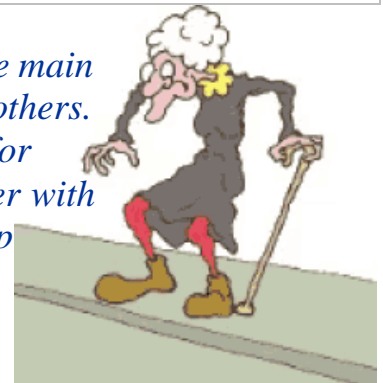




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*The poem '**Somebody's Mother**' is written by Mary Dow Brine. The main theme of this poem is that we should always be unselfish and help others. The main feature of this poem is to have compassion and kindness for others like the young boy had for the old woman. It leaves the reader with a thought-provoking message and a good feeling in the heart to help who are in need.*



Stanza wise explanation of the Poem:

Somebody's mother by Mary Dow Brine is a beautiful poem depicting wonderful values of care and love for others. It was a winter evening. An old woman was waiting to cross a busy road near a school. She was very old and her hair was gray and she was very poor. Her dress was torn. She was a lone woman. She was waiting for a long time. Nobody looked at her nor even glanced at her.

Suddenly children come out of school as it closed for the day. They passed the lonely old woman but none paid any attention to the old lady. The poor old woman stood by the road as she feared that she would be trampled under the horse's feet 'or the carriage wheels.

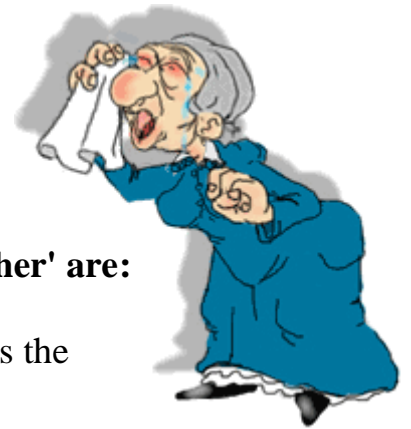
A group of happy boys come there, it so happened that one of the boys, very cheerful and lively, saw this old woman waiting to cross the road. He ran to her and helped her to cross the road. She put her aged hand on his strong young arm. The boy guided the trembling feet and supported her by his firm and strong arms.

The boy felt very contented after helping the old woman. Later he explained to his friends that one day his own mother could be in a similar situation and that someone else would, help her.

At home that night, the old lady prayed for the boy who had helped her to cross the road. Her heart was overflowing with gratitude and pride. The old woman that night prayed to God to be kind to the boy who had helped her cross the road.

Difficult words:

1. Gray- Lacking in cheer; gloomy
2. Hailing- Cheering to welcome
3. Crowd her down- push into a small space



The Figures of speech employed in the poem 'Somebody's Mother' are:

1. **Repetition** in 'The woman was old and ragged and gray' captures the readers' attention and emphasizes the idea of woman's miserable state.

2. **Alliteration**: Alliteration is a literary device wherein words in quick succession of one another begin with letters belonging to the same sound group.

Example from the Poem: Nor offered a helping hand to her

3. **Visual Imagery**: Visual Imagery is vivid descriptive language.

Example from the Poem: hailing the snow, piled white and deep

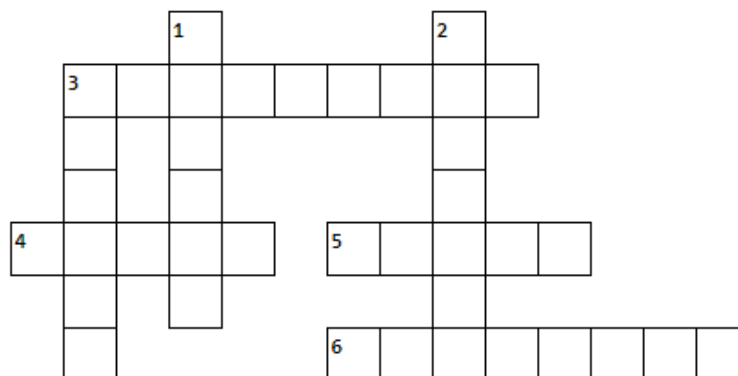
4. **Metaphor**: In a metaphor, one subject is implied to be another so as to draw a comparison between their similarities and shared traits.

Example from the Poem: The woman was old and ragged and gray

5. **Simile**: A figure of speech in which two fundamentally unlike things are explicitly compared, usually in a phrase introduced by 'like' or 'as'.

Example from the Poem: Came the boys like a flock of sheep

Crossword Puzzle (Words from the poem)



Across

Down

3. Shaking typically as a result of anxiety
4. bend the head or body forward to show respect
5. group of birds of one kind
6. move or travel hurriedly

1. To pay attention
2. feeling or showing worry
3. Crowd of people

Write a short note on the **juxtaposition** used in the poem. Quote the lines from the poem to support your answer.

Juxtaposition is referred to the act of placing two things side by side to show their contrasting nature. It is used in many contexts (literary, visual, creative) to show contrast. Through contrast the characteristic features of two simultaneous things are highlighted.

For example,

*Alone, uncared for, amid the throng
Of human beings who passed her.
Hailing the snow piled white and deep.
Past the woman so old and gray
Her aged hand on his strong young arm*

What is a Rhetorical Question?

An interrogative sentence that doesn't demand an answer but makes a point is called a **rhetorical question**. Since a rhetorical question only serves as a remark, sometimes it is not followed by a question mark.

For example,

- Isn't she lovely.
- Do you think that money just grows on trees.
