

Directions:

You will use the poem below to analyze the lengths of the words in the poem “Abuelito Who” by Sandra Cisneros.

The number at the beginning of each line shows the word number where that line starts in the poem. For example, the first word of the poem is labeled (1), the line labeled (56) begins with the poem’s 56th word, and the line labeled (144) begins with the 144th word.

Abuelito Who

By Sandra Cisneros

- (1) Abuelito who throws coins like rain
- (7) and asks who loves him
- (12) who is dough and feathers
- (17) who is a watch and glass of water
- (25) whose hair is made of fur
- (31) is too sad to come downstairs today
- (38) who tells me in Spanish you are my diamond
- (47) who tells me in English you are my sky
- (56) whose little eyes are string
- (61) can’t come out to play
- (66) sleeps in his little room all night and day
- (75) who used to laugh like the letter k
- (83) is sick
- (85) is a doorknob tied to a sour stick
- (93) is tired shut the door
- (98) doesn’t live here anymore
- (102) is hiding underneath the bed
- (107) who talks to me inside my head
- (114) is blankets and spoons and big brown shoes
- (122) who snores up and down up and down up and down again
- (134) is the rain on the roof that falls like coins
- (144) asking who loves him
- (148) who loves him who?