Use your English

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Plan before you begin

Check the audience, purpose and required length. Organise your ideas, write or speak, then check meaning and accuracy.
Example: A clear paragraph has one main idea with useful supporting detail.
Complete both activities. Plan your ideas first. Use your own details when requested. Continue on another sheet if needed.
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Try it yourself

1. Write an analytical paragraph of 80-100 words explaining how the poem develops one theme. Use two short quotations and explain each.

2. Write six original lines about a small act of kindness or an unfinished shared task. Underline one image and explain its intended effect.

Read the small action

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Understand the idea

Read once for the main idea. Read again to find the detail or evidence needed for each answer.
Example: A question beginning Why needs a reason supported by the text.
Read this new original EWS poem twice. First identify what literally happens. Then explain how a selected image or action suggests an idea. Support an interpretation with words from the poem rather than retelling it.
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Original EWS poem: By the Window
The chair stood empty by the light;
I moved my books and made a space.
A quiet voice asked, "May I sit?"
The sunlight warmed another face.
No banner told us what to do;
One little movement welcomed two.
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Try it yourself

1. What does the speaker do before the visitor sits? Quote the words supporting your answer.

2. Explain one effect of "The sunlight warmed another face". Connect your idea to the poem's situation.

3. Write a short critical response explaining how a small action develops the idea of welcome. Use two brief quotations and explain each.