

The Giantess

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- 1 Where can I find seven small girls to be pets,
where can I find them?
One to comb the long grass of my hair
with this golden rake,
one to dig with this copper spade
the dirt from under my nails.
I will pay them in crab-apples.
- 8 Where can I find seven small girls to help me,
where can I find them?
A third to scrub at my tombstone teeth
with this mop in its bronze bucket,
A fourth to scoop out the wax from my ears
with this platinum trowel.
I will pay them in yellow pears.
- 15 Where can I find seven small girls to be good dears,
where can I find them?
A fifth one to clip the nails of my toes
with these sharp silver shears,
a sixth to blow my enormous nose
with this satin sheet.
I will pay them in plums.
- 22 But the seventh girl will stand on the palm of my hand,
singing and dancing,
and I will love the tiny music of her voice,
her sweet little jigs.
I will pay her in grapes and kumquats and figs.
Where can I find her?
Where can I find seven small girls to be pets?



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- 1 Why do you think the giantess' teeth are referred to as "*tombstone*" (verse 2)?

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1 mark

- 2 a) Which of the grooming tools is platinum?

- b) What is it to be used for?

2b

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2 marks

- 3 "*Where can I find seven small girls to be good dears*"

Suggest an alternative to the underlined word.

2a

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1 marks

- 4 Which technique is the writer using to describe these tools:

"*bronze bucket*" (verse 2) / "*sharp silver shears*" (verse 3) / "*satin sheet*" (verse 3)?

2g

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1 mark

- 5 If we didn't already know the title of the poem, what evidence would there be to help us to know that she was a giantess? Refer to **two** different places in the text in your answer.

2d

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2 marks

- 6 Do you think the giantess will be kind to the girls?

Explain your answer, referring to the text.

2e

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2 marks

- 7 Draw lines to match the tools with the verbs.

rake
spade
mop
trowel
shears
sheet

dig
clip
comb
blow
scrub
scoop

- 8 How is the final verse different from the first three?

- 9 Which of the girls does the giantess think she will like the best? Explain your answer fully.

2b

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2 marks

2h

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1 mark

2d

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