

Read the poem and then do these exercises to check your understanding.

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best phrase to complete these sentences.

1. The poet's mother **does only women's work / does only men's work / does all kinds of work.**
2. When he was rude, **she sent him to bed / she told him off / he got no dinner .**
3. If he had a problem, his mum **told him to go away / helped him to find a solution / told him to solve it himself .**
4. He values his mother's love **more than his friends and other relatives / as much as his wife's / the same as his auntie's .**
5. His mum taught him **to point the finger at someone / to be proud of his own culture / to ride a mule .**
6. He wants to give his mum his last ROLO (chocolate toffee) because **he doesn't like sweets / he wants her to eat it / it's a token of his love .**

2. Check your understanding: ordering

Write a number (1-6) to put these lines from the last part of the poem in order.

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| | Then hopefully she'll become a mum |
| | A woman's work is never done |
| | But one day I will take a wife |
| | So here it comes for you a kiss |
| | If it was not for you then I would not exist |
| | Yes you was the first woman in my life |

Discussion

- Do you think that the job of being a mother is easy or difficult?
- What things do you do to say "thank you"?
- Who is the most important woman in your life?
- Do you like this poem?