



### Desperation

A furious blaze in a fuelless furnace.

Tornados that rage and seek to destroy.

A symphony composed by a lonely instrument;

The well-known melody that nobody applauds.

Twisted vines that gnarl and strangle.

Hunger.

The inside walls of a Pompeian vase.

Crumbling plaster in a once-loved home.

Cracked skin scraping on crisp, clean paper.

The squeak of a hinge that cries out for oil.

An important thought that you can't quite remember.

Thirst.

1 What does the poet say that *nobody applauds*?

2 A **furious** blaze in a fuelless furnace. The word furious suggests that the blaze is...

Tick **one**.

small.

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powerful.

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warm.

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imaginary.

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What does the poet tell you about the *lonely instrument*?

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**Find** and **copy** a group of words that are closest in meaning to 'begs'.

5

Explain why the poet has written the word *Thirst* at the end of the second verse.

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