**A House, A Home**

**Working with the poem (Page 16)**

**Question 1:**

**Answer:**

(i) A house is made of **lifeless stone and brick**.

(ii) It has **glass windows, a courtyard, chimneys, tile floors, doors and a roof**.

(iii) A home is made by **loved ones comprising caring parents and children**.

(iv) It has **family members who understand and care for each other selflessly**.

**Question 2:**

**Answer:**

(i) My house is **a structure made of bricks, stone and tiles. It has wide beautiful windows, a spacious bedroom, a warm and cosy living room and doors with curtains**.

(ii) The best thing about my home is **that all my family members are very loving and affectionate. We care for each other and avoid misunderstandings or quarrels among us**.

Short Answer Questions:

1. What is a house made of, according to the poem?

Answer: Brick, stone, wood, glass, and other materials.

2. What is mentioned as part of a house in the poem?

Answer: Windows, yard, eaves, chimneys, tile floors, stucco, roof, and doors.

3. What is a home, according to the poem?

Answer: Loving, family, and doing for others.

4. Who are mentioned as part of a home in the poem?

Answer: Brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers.

5. What are some characteristics of a home, according to the poem?

Answer: Unselfish acts, kindly sharing, and showing care for loved ones.

6. What is the difference between a house and a home, according to the poem?

Answer: A house is physical structure, while a home is about love and family.

7. What is the tone of the poem?

Answer: Warm, loving, and appreciative.

8. What is the central theme of the poem?

Answer: The importance of love and family in making a house a home.

Long Answer Questions:

1. How does the poem distinguish between a house and a home? Use examples from the poem to support your answer.

Answer: The poem distinguishes between a house and a home by describing a house as a physical structure made of materials like brick, stone, and wood, while a home is described as a place of love, family, and kindness. For example, the poem says "What is a house? It's brick and stone and wood that's hard" but "What is a home? It's loving and family and doing for others". This shows that a house is just a physical structure, while a home is a place where love and family come together.

1. What message do you think the poet is trying to convey through this poem? Use evidence from the poem to support your answer.

Answer: The poet is trying to convey that a house is not just a physical structure, but it becomes a home when it is filled with love, family, and kindness. The poet is emphasizing the importance of relationships and love in making a house a home. For example, the poem says "It's brothers and sisters and fathers and mothers. It's unselfish acts and kindly sharing and showing your loved ones; you're always caring". This shows that the poet values the relationships and love that make a house a home.