**"I Love the Look of Words"
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**Popcorn leaps, popping from the floor
of a hot black skillet
and into my mouth.
Black words leap,
snapping from the white
page. Rushing into my eyes. Sliding
into my brain which gobbles them
the way my tongue and teeth
chomp the buttered popcorn.**

**When I have stopped reading,
ideas from the words stay stuck
in my mind, like the sweet
smell of butter perfuming my
fingers long after the popcorn
is finished.**

 **I love the book and the look of words
the weight of ideas that popped into my mind
I love the tracks
of new thinking in my mind.**



**Type your responses below each question or write your responses where your teacher instructs.**

What is the main idea of the poem?

In the second stanza, explain the meaning of the simile the author used. (Remember: Similes use like or as to compare.)

Which of these words best describes the poet’s attitude in the poem? Explain.

**annoyed, enthusiastic, protective, selfish**.