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1. How old do you think Amanda is? How do you know this?

Amanda is a little, middle aged (8-12 years) school going girl. We know this because of the reference of a mermaid and Rapunzel. Also, the instructions given to her, for doing homework, nail biting, connecting posture etc.

2. Who do you think is speaking to her?

One of her parents is speaking to her. Most probably it is her mother.

3. ~~What~~ why are stanzas 2, 4 and 6 given in parenthesis?

In the stanzas 2, 4 and 6, the child is expressing her thoughts on being instructed by her parents. The poet has alternately placed the parent's instructions and the child's ~~response~~ responsive thoughts on the same.