A popular exam question asks you to consider how Duffy presents her thoughts and feelings about love and relationships. The following activities should help you identify differences and similarities between the way Duffy presents love in *Mean Time*.

**First Love**
Jot down your initial response to this poem. Consider feelings, theme and language.

**Crush**
Jot down your initial response to this poem. Consider feelings, theme and language.

Now compare and contrast these poems. Are there any similarities or differences between the way Duffy presents love in each?
Disgrace
Jot down your initial response to this poem. Consider feelings, theme and language.

Close
Jot down your initial response to this poem. Consider feelings, theme and language.

Adultery
Jot down your initial response to this poem. Consider feelings, theme and language.

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