Homework Task ‘Night of the Scorpion’ by Nissim Ezekiel

**Task:** This task will help you to understand the more difficult vocabulary in the poem. Hunt through the poem for the words starting with the given letters. Check your answers using a dictionary.

What **A** means the determination to achieve success?

What **D** means cruel and wicked? This word is often related to the devil and is used in the poem to describe the scorpion’s tail.

What **E** means continual or without end and refers to the weather in the poem?

What **H** means a mix of different ingredients and is used by the father to try to cure his wife?

What **I** is a spell or charm used by the holy man?

What **P** means to disable or make powerless?

What **R** is the poet’s father, meaning he does not usually put his trust in religion?

What **S** also refers to the poet’s father, meaning that he doubts most opinions?

What **S** means a large group of insects or people?

What **R** does the holy man perform, meaning a religious act?