

Literacy Development

Jabberwocky¹

Lewis Carroll



Tw'as brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
The frumious Bandersnatch!"

He took his vorpal sword in hand:
Long time the manxome foe he sought --
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,
And stood awhile in thought.

And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffling through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and through
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.

And, has thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!
He chortled in his joy.

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¹ From *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There*, 1872

Poetry

Jabberwocky Parts of Speech

Use the poem “Jabberwocky” to complete the following statements and examples.

Define the following parts of speech, write down a hint for how to find it, and an example from “Jabberwocky”

Noun - _____

Hint for finding nouns in sentences - _____

Examples of nouns in “Jabberwocky” - _____

Verb - _____

Hint for finding verbs in sentences - _____

Examples of verbs in “Jabberwocky” - _____

Adjective - _____

Hint for finding adjectives in sentences - _____

Examples of adjectives in “Jabberwocky” - _____
