

The Jabberwocky – Recognising Parts of Speech

JABBERWOCKY

by Lewis Carroll

'Twas 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 a while in thought.

And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffing 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 hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
Oh frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!
He chortled in his joy.

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What are the nouns in the first stanza?

brillig	slithy	toves	gyre
gimble	wabe	mimsy	borogoves
mome	raths	outgrabe	

What word describes the day in **stanza 1**?

What word describes the toves?

What did the toves do?

What word describes the borogoves?

What did the raths do?

What are the nouns in **line 2** of **stanza 2**?

What should you beware of?

Who should you shun?

Who is the subject of the 1st line in **stanza 3**?

What is the object in the 1st line of **stanza 3**?

What is the adjective in the 1st line of **stanza 3**?

What are the verbs in the **3rd** stanza?

What are the adjectives in **stanza 4**?

What verbs describe the Jabberwock's actions in the 4th stanza?

What is the **subject** of the last 3 lines of stanza 4?

What are the **objects** in **stanza 4**?

What is the verb in the last line of **stanza 5**?

What is the verb in the 1st line of **stanza 6**?

What are the adjectives in **stanza 6**?

What is the example of alliteration in **stanza 3**?

What are the examples of alliteration in **stanza 6**?

What is the example of onomatopoeia in **stanza 5**?

What metaphor does the poet use in **stanza 4**?

What is the example of alliteration in **stanza 1**?

Assonance is a repeated sound in a line of poetry or in a stanza of poetry.

In the slithy glade, where **breezy trees weep**,
The **gleaming beams** of moonlight **creep**,
With **gleeful glee**, the night **did seep**,
A **dreamy deep** where shadows **leap**.

In the example above the long “e” sound is repeated.

What words contain assonance in line 2 of **stanza 1**?

What words contain assonance in line 1 of **stanza 3**?

What words contain assonance in line 2 of **stanza 5**?