

# JABBERWOCKY

Lewis Carroll

(from *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There*, 1872)

`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** 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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## Answers

Noun	Verb	Adjective
Toves	Gyre	Brillig
Wabe	Gimble	Slithy
Borogroves	Outgrabe	Mimsy
Raths	Beware	Mome
Jabberwock	Bite	Frumious
Son	Catch	Vorpal
Jaws	Shun	Long
Claws	Took	Manxome
Jubjub bird	Sought	Uffish
Bandersnatch	Rested	Tulgey
Sword	Stood	Dead
Hand	Whiffling	Beamish
Time	Burbled	Frabjous
Foe	Came	
Tumtum tree	Through	
Thought	Snicker-snack	
Eyes	Left	
Flame	Galumphing	
Wood	Slain	
Blade	Come	
Head	Chortled	
Arms		
Boy		
Day		
Joy		