

# Jabberwocky

from Through the Looking Glass  
by Lewis Carroll

*In this sequel to Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll writes one of the most famous nonsense poems in literature. Many of the words were invented by Carroll and have no real meaning. Nevertheless, readers can still understand what happens in the poem.*

'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.

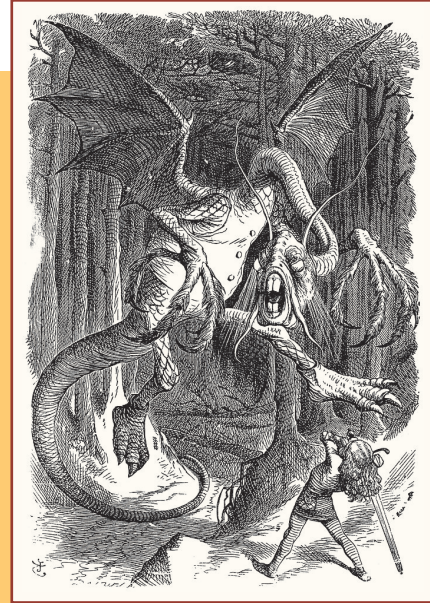
And as in uffish thought he stood,  
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,  
Came whiffing through the tulgey wood,  
And burbled as it came!

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!  
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!  
He chortled in his joy.

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## What Is It?

Determine if each of the following nonsense words from the poem is a noun, verb, adjective or adverb. Circle the correct letter.

1. frumious  
a. noun   b. verb   c. adjective   d. adverb
2. galumphing  
a. noun   b. verb   c. adjective   d. adverb
3. wabe  
a. noun   b. verb   c. adjective   d. adverb
4. toves  
a. noun   b. verb   c. adjective   d. adverb
5. gyre  
a. noun   b. verb   c. adjective   d. adverb
6. beamish  
a. noun   b. verb   c. adjective   d. adverb
3. borogoves  
a. noun   b. verb   c. adjective   d. adverb
3. whiffing  
a. noun   b. verb   c. adjective   d. adverb

