



Quick Comprehension

6.2A

Poetry

Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.

chortled

pursued

shun

laughed

sought

avoid

slain

killed

foe

enemy

Skimming and scanning for information

Find the words **above** in the text below and **highlight** them.

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 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 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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Summarise

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1. What three things are we told to beware of?

1 mark

2. Match the nonsense words from stanza 1 to the word class they belong to.

slithy

verb

toves

adjective

gimble

noun

2 marks

3. 'He left it dead, and with its head

He went galumphing back.'

What do you think the word 'galumphing' means?

1 mark

4. Describe how the Jabberwock was defeated in your own words.

1 mark

5. Who is the speaker in stanza 2 and 6? How do you know?

3 marks

6. Where did the boy rest?

1 mark



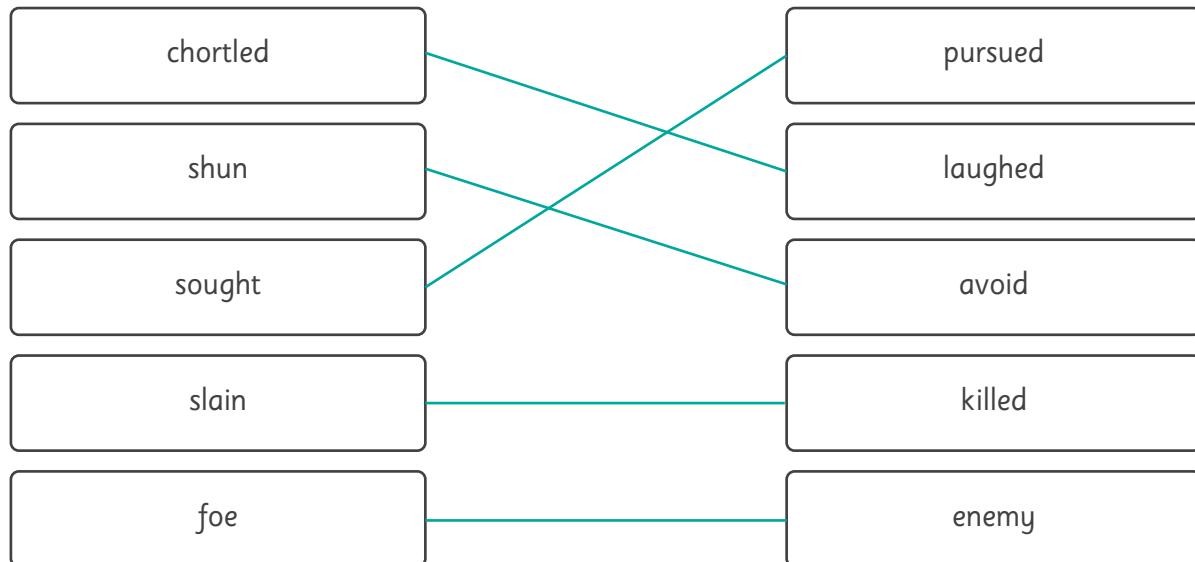
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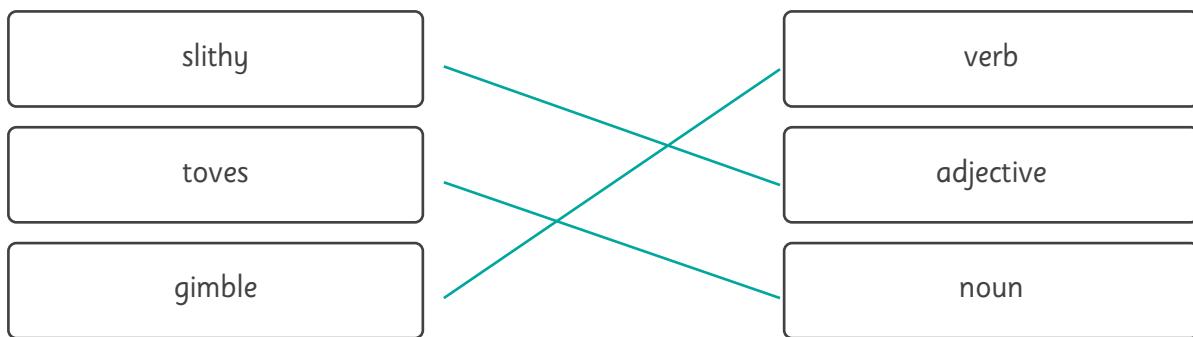
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The boy killed the Jabberwock with a sword.

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2. Match the nonsense words from stanza 1 to the word class they belong to.



3. 'He left it dead, and with its head

He went galumphing back.'

What do you think the word 'galumphing' means?

Accept answers that are suitable words for moving or walking.

It means moving in a clumsy way.

4. Describe how the Jabberwock was defeated in your own words.

He stabbed it more than once with a sword.

5. Who is the speaker in stanza 2 and 6? How do you know?

It is the boy's father. I know this because in stanza 2 it says: "my son" and he is warning him about the dangers that lay ahead. In stanza 6 it says: "Come to my arms my beamish boy!". He is showing he is proud of his son for slaying the Jabberwock.

6. Where did the boy rest?

by the Tumtum tree