JABBERWOCKY.

This is a nonsense poem about the killing of a creature named “the Jabberwock”. Most of the words are made-up.

’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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| 1  M grammar  ’Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  Did gyre and gimble in the wabe; | What type of words do you think “gyre” and “gimble” (line 2) are?   1. Nouns 2. **Verbs** 3. Adjectives 4. Adverbs |  |
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| 2 | What does the poet say the boy must avoid?   1. Jubjub birds 2. Tumtum trees 3. The Jabberwock 4. **The Bandersnatch** |  |
| 3 | What writing technique is, “snicker-snack”?   1. Simile 2. Metaphor 3. **Alliteration** 4. Hyperbole |  |
| 4 | “ Long time the manxome foe he sought”  What type of word is manxome?   1. Verb 2. Adverb 3. Noun 4. **adjective** |  |
| 5 | What type of word is Tumtum?   1. Pronoun 2. Verb 3. **Noun** 4. Adjective |  |
| 5+ 1 | Why did the hero have to rest by the Tumtum tree?   1. He needed to think of a strategy 2. **He was tired** 3. He did not know where to find the Jabberwock 4. It is not stated |  |
| 6 | These four words are made up, but which word is now accepted as a real word for laugh?   1. Slithly 2. Burbled 3. Mimsy 4. **Chortled** |  |
| 7 | What was used to kill the Jabberwock?   1. A magical sword 2. A long spear-like sword 3. **A sword** 4. A bow and arrow |  |
| 8 | Which of these is true?   1. **The monster was killed in a short period of time** 2. The hero killed the monster by taking off his head 3. The Jabberwock was hunting the boy 4. The boy is young |  |
| 9 | How does the jabberwock feel?   1. Hungry 2. **Angry** 3. Protective 4. Territorial |  |
| 10 | What impression of the Jabberwock is created when the poet writes “Came whiffling through the tulgey wood”?   1. It makes the jabberwock sound clumsy 2. It sounds like the jabberwock is trying to remain quiet 3. **It sounds like the Jabberwok moved quickly** 4. It sounds like it is flying |  |
| 11 | How many different types of trees are mentioned in the poem?   1. **One** 2. Two 3. Three 4. Four |  |
| 12 | What is one possible reason the poet starts and ends the poem by repeating the first stanza?   1. **It let’s the reader know that not much has changed in the time the boy has killed the Jabberwock** 2. To highlight how weird and mystical the forest is 3. To show the reader that poet is able to create a vivid picture even from using made up words 4. To illustrate that you can tell a story with a few nonsense words and real words |  |