

# Jabberwocky

*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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# Wocky Mad Lib: Part 1

You've read "Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll. We've studied parts of speech, and we've discussed how knowing them can add to our understanding of what we read. Now it's your turn! Using your magnetic poetry kits, play around with the language, and supply the following parts of speech:

1. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
2. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
3. noun \_\_\_\_\_
4. verb \_\_\_\_\_
5. verb \_\_\_\_\_
6. noun \_\_\_\_\_
7. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
8. noun (plural) \_\_\_\_\_
9. noun \_\_\_\_\_
10. verb (-ed) \_\_\_\_\_
11. adverb \_\_\_\_\_
12. noun \_\_\_\_\_
13. noun \_\_\_\_\_
14. verb (-s) \_\_\_\_\_
15. noun \_\_\_\_\_
16. verb (-s) \_\_\_\_\_
17. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
18. noun \_\_\_\_\_
19. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
20. noun \_\_\_\_\_
21. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
22. noun \_\_\_\_\_
23. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
24. noun \_\_\_\_\_
25. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
26. noun \_\_\_\_\_
27. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
28. noun \_\_\_\_\_
29. noun (plural) \_\_\_\_\_
30. noun \_\_\_\_\_
31. verb (-ing) \_\_\_\_\_
32. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
33. verb (-ed) \_\_\_\_\_
34. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
35. noun \_\_\_\_\_
36. verb (onomatopoeia) \_\_\_\_\_
37. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
38. noun \_\_\_\_\_
39. verb (-ing) \_\_\_\_\_
40. noun (plural) \_\_\_\_\_
41. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
42. adjective \_\_\_\_\_
43. interjection \_\_\_\_\_
44. interjection \_\_\_\_\_
45. verb (-ed) \_\_\_\_\_
46. noun \_\_\_\_\_

## Wocky Mad Lib: Part 2

Using the list from Wocky Mad Lib: Part 1, fill in the blanks in the poem "Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll. When you are finished, share your poem with other members of your group.

**Twas** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ **and the** (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Did** (4) \_\_\_\_\_ **and** (5) \_\_\_\_\_ **in the** (6) \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
**All** (7) \_\_\_\_\_ **were the** (8) \_\_\_\_\_ , **And the** (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (11) \_\_\_\_\_ .

**"Beware the** (12) \_\_\_\_\_ , **my son**  
**The** (13) \_\_\_\_\_ **that** (14) \_\_\_\_\_ , **the** (15) \_\_\_\_\_ **that** (16) \_\_\_\_\_ !  
**Beware the** (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (18) \_\_\_\_\_ **and shun The**  
(19) \_\_\_\_\_ (20) \_\_\_\_\_ !"

**He took his** (21) \_\_\_\_\_ (22) \_\_\_\_\_ **in hand;**  
**Long time the** (23) \_\_\_\_\_ (24) \_\_\_\_\_ ) **he sought—**  
**So rested he by the** (25) \_\_\_\_\_ (26) \_\_\_\_\_ , **And**  
**stood awhile in thought.**

**And, as in** (27) \_\_\_\_\_ (28) \_\_\_\_\_ **he stood,**  
**The** (12) \_\_\_\_\_ , **with** (29) \_\_\_\_\_ **of** (30) \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
**Came** (31) \_\_\_\_\_ **through the** (32) \_\_\_\_\_ **wood,**  
**And** (33) \_\_\_\_\_ **as it came!**

**One, two! One, two! And through and through**  
**The** (34) \_\_\_\_\_ (35) \_\_\_\_\_ **went** (36) \_\_\_\_\_ !  
**He left it** (37) \_\_\_\_\_ , **and with its** (38) \_\_\_\_\_ **He**  
**went** (39) \_\_\_\_\_ **and back.**

**"And hast thou slain the** (12) \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
**Come to my** (40) \_\_\_\_\_ , **my** (41) **boy!**  
**O** (42) \_\_\_\_\_ **day!** (43) \_\_\_\_\_ ! (44) \_\_\_\_\_ !" **He**  
(45) \_\_\_\_\_ **in his** (46) \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Twas** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ **and the** (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Did** (4) \_\_\_\_\_ **and** (5) \_\_\_\_\_ **in the** (6) \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
**All** (7) \_\_\_\_\_ **were the** (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
**And the** (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (11) \_\_\_\_\_ .