Stanza 1-2

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!"

- What does the word 'Twas' stand for in stanza 1?
 It was
- What word in stanza 2 suggests the boy should be careful?
 Beware
- 3) What three things must the boy be cautious of?
 The Jabberwock, Jubjub bird and Bandersnatch

Stanza 3-4

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!

- 4) "Long time the manxome foe he sought..."
 What word/phrase is closest in meaning to 'sought'?
- a. battled b. looked for c. bought d. feared

5) What does 'burbled' mean in stanza 4?
Made a bubbling, gurgling sound

Stanza 5-6

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.

6) In stanza 5, write a line that represents the battle between the boy and the Jabberwock?

'One, two! One, two! And through and through'

or 'The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!'

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