

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!”

- 1) What were the toves doing?
Gyring and gimbling
- 2) What dangerous features does the Jabberwock have?
Jaws that bite and claws that snatch.
- 3) Which two words do you think were joined to make the nonsense word 'frumious'?
Fuming and furious

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) Why do you think the boy stopped to think?

He was making a battle plan/preparing himself for battle.

5) What is unusual about the Jabberwock burbling?

We would not associate this sound with a fearsome creature. It is more of a childish sound associated with something not scary like a baby.

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) Find and copy one word which shows the Jabberwock had been defeated.

Dead

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