

## Fast Five:

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- 4) Beamish
- 5) Frabjous

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- 1) Mimsy- Miserable and unhappy
- 2) Frumious - Fuming and furious
- 3) Galumphing - galloping triumphantly
- 4) Beamish - Beaming and bright
- 5) Frabjous - Fabulous and joyous

Can I discuss the theme of good versus  
evil in 'The Jabberwocky'?

(Discussion Lesson)

# Summary of 'The Jabberwocky'

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A father warns his son about three monsters living in the woods.

The son goes into the woods with his sword and slays the jabberwocky.

He brings back the head and the father celebrates the death of the monster.

# Good vs Evil in 'The Jabberwocky'

*Beware the Jabberwock, my son!*

*The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!*

*Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun*

*The frumious Bandersnatch!*

**Who describes the Jabberwocky to us?**

**Why do we fear it?**

**Why should it be killed?**

# Good vs Evil in 'The Jabberwocky'

*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 burred 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.*

**Who commits the most evil in this part of the poem?**

**Why does the boy 'gallop triumphantly' with the head of the jabberwocky?**

# Good vs Evil in 'The Jabberwocky'

*"And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?*

*Come to my arms, my beamish boy!*

*O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"*

*He chortled in his joy.*

**How does the father feel about the monster being killed?**

**What is your opinion of the father?**

# Who is good or evil?

**The boy**

**The father**

**The jabberwocky**

Who is the most evil character?

Who is good?

Is anyone purely good or evil?

# Possible Answers

- The father tells the son to fear the Jabberwocky, but we never find out any real reasons why other than it looks scary.
- The son takes his father's word and decides to kill the monster, without giving it a chance to prove itself to be anything other than evil.
- We never hear of or see the jabberwocky doing anything so evil that it deserves to die.
- None of them are purely good or evil, the father could just be relying on old tales he's heard about the monster. The son trusts his father and thinks he is doing the right thing.