

## Perilous Poetry? No Problem!

All levels

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Before reading:

- 1) lead-in – pictures connected to some events from author's life, find the words in a wordsearch grid, Ss guess what the pictures relate to, possible HW – find out what the pictures mean

While reading:

- 1) poem cut into lines
  - the rhyming scheme AB AB CD EF EF CD ...
  - Ss put the poem together, class check

After reading:

- 1) true-false sentences – aimed at possible problems in interpretation
- 2) vocabulary practice – crossword or wordsearch ([www.puzzlemaker.com](http://www.puzzlemaker.com))
- 3) chain story
- 4) writing the summary in exactly 30/50 words (depends on the length of the poem)
- 5) drawing a simple comic – 3-6 simple pictures with or without text to illustrate the main points of the poem

### Four poems

- 4 groups – each group – all four poems, choose the best for different purpose (for children, for radio broadcasting, for teenage magazine, for school books) – discussing topic, themes, rhythm a rhyme, ...
- each group – how would you use the poem (with pictures, with glossary, what tasks, etc.)

### Jabberwocky

- first four lines – read with dictionaries, Ss discover it's nonsense
  - guessing – guess different parts of speech (table)
  - meaning of the words (no right answer)
  - writing their own version



### The Jabberwocky

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves

Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:

All mimsy were the borogoves,

And the mome raths outgrabe.

Jabberwocky	Part of speech
<i>Brillig</i>	
<i>And</i>	
<i>slithy</i>	
<i>toves</i>	
<i>Did</i>	
<i>gyre</i>	
<i>gimble</i>	
<i>wabe</i>	
<i>All</i>	
<i>mimsy</i>	
<i>were</i>	
<i>borogoves</i>	
<i>mome</i>	
<i>raths</i>	
<i>outgrabe</i>	



### THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;  
Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,  
And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.  
I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

Fill the gaps with one of the words on board in the correct form:

- 1) I couldn't walk through the forest because of the thick \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground.
- 2) Our garden is beautifully green because it's \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere.
- 3) I wanted to use my old bike but it was \_\_\_\_\_ out and broken.
- 4) My younger brother \_\_\_\_\_ all my toys as his but I took them back.
- 5) I got lost on the crossroad where the roads \_\_\_\_\_ in two directions.
- 6) I'm sorry I broke your glasses. I didn't see them and \_\_\_\_\_ on them.



Are these sentences true or false?

- 1) He travelled with his best friend.
- 2) He chose the road with nice grass.
- 3) Both roads were frequently travelled.
- 4) He planned to come next week to try the other road.
- 5) He thinks he will remember this decision for a long time.
- 6) He believes he took the wrong road.

## One Day

As I was going out one day  
My head fell off and rolled away  
But when I saw that it was gone  
I picked it up and put it on.

And when I got into the street  
A fellow cried: "Look at your feet!"  
I looked at them and sadly said:  
"I've left them both asleep in bed."

## Antigonish

Yesterday, upon the stair,  
I met a man who wasn't there.  
He wasn't there again today,  
I wish, I wish he'd go away...

When I came home last night at three,  
The man was waiting there for me  
But when I looked around the hall,  
I couldn't see him there at all!  
Go away, go away, don't you come back any more!  
Go away, go away, and please don't slam the door...

Last night I saw upon the stair,  
A little man who wasn't there,  
He wasn't there again today  
Oh, how I wish he'd go away...

