

## Guided Reading – Monday

This week we are going to look at the poem **Jabberwocky** by Lewis Carroll.

"Jabberwocky" is a **nonsense** poem written by Lewis Carroll about the killing of a creature named "the Jabberwock". It was included in his 1871 novel *Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There*, the sequel to Alice's *Adventures in Wonderland*.

As you read the poem, you will notice there are a lot of **nonsense** words in it. It's odd because you have an idea of what each word might mean, but it everyone's imaginations will conjure different images! Watch the video of 'Jabberwocky' being performed:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q\\_Um3787fSY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_Um3787fSY)

Now: draw what you think the Jabberwock looks like!

# Jabberwocky

BY 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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