**JABBERWOCKY**

**Lewis Carroll**

(from *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There*, 1872)

`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, has 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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1. What happens in the poem “Jabberwocky?” How do you know?

1. Circle all the nouns in the poem. How do you know they are nouns?
2. Underline all the adjectives in the poem. How do you know they are adjectives?
3. Box all the verbs in the poem. How do you know they are verbs?
4. Create definitions for the following words. Be sure that they have all the parts of a definition: word, part of speech, definition(s), sample sentence

**Slithy:**

**Outgrabe:**

**Manxome:**

1. Draw a Jabberwocky on a separate half-sheet. Staple to this handout when you are finished