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Poetry Worksheet

Read the poem below. Then answer the questions.

THE GNOME, THE GNAT, & THE GNU

by Shel Silverstein

I saw an ol' gnome

Take a gknock at a gnat

Who was g nibbling the gnose of his gnu.

I said, "Gnasty gnome,

Gnow, stop doing that.

That gnat ain't done gnothing to you."

He gnodded his gnarled ol' head and said,

"'Til gnow I gnever gnew

That gknocking a gnat

In the gnoodle like that

Was gnot a gnice thing to do."

QUESTIONS. SELECT YOUR ANSWER FROM THE OPTIONS GIVEN.

1. What is the poem about?

- ☐ An angry gnome that likes to hit.
- ☐ A gnome that hit a gnat.
- ☐ A gnu that wanted a gnat to go away.

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2. Why did the gnome hit the gnu?

- ☐ The gnat was bothering him.
- ☐ He wanted to prove his strength.
- ☐ He wanted to knock out the gnat from the gnu's noose.

3. Who scolded the Gnome?

The poet The gnu An onlooker

4. What is a gnu?

an antelope a deer a bull

5. What is a gnat?

a bee a large flying insect a tiny flying insect

6. What sound is repeated throughout the verse?

the n sound silent g the k sound

7. What figure of sound is common in this poem?

assonance alliteration onomatopoeia