

Sample Lesson #1

Alphabet, No. 6

By Edward Lear

A tumbled down, and hurt his Arm, against a bit of wood,

B said, "My Boy, oh, do not cry; it cannot do you good!"

C said, "A Cup of Coffee hot can't do you any harm."

D said, "A Doctor should be fetched, and he would cure the arm."

E said, "An Egg beat up with milk would quickly make him well."

F said, "A Fish, if broiled, might cure, if only by the smell."

G said, "Green Gooseberry fool, the best of cures I hold."

H said, "His Hat should be kept on, to keep him from the cold."

I said, "Some Ice upon his head will make him better soon."

J said, "Some Jam, if spread on bread, or given in a spoon!"

K said, "A Kangaroo is here,—this picture let him see."

L said, "A Lamp pray keep alight, to make some barley tea."

M said, "A Mulberry or two might give him satisfaction."

N said, "Some Nuts, if rolled about, might be a slight attraction."

O said, "An Owl might make him laugh, if only it would wink."

P said, "Some Poetry might be read aloud, to make him think."

Q said, "A Quince I recommend,—a Quince, or else a Quail."

R said, "Some Rats might make him move, if fastened by their tail."

S said, "A Song should now be sung, in hopes to make him laugh!"

T said, "A Turnip might avail, if sliced or cut in half!"

U said, "An Urn, with water hot, place underneath his chin!"

V said, "I'll stand upon a chair, and play a Violin!"

W said, "Some Whirling-Whizzgigs fetch, some marbles and a ball!"

X said, "A Xylophone tune would be the best of all!"

Y said, "Some Yeast mixed up with salt would make a perfect plaster!"

Z said, "Here is a box of Zinc! Get in, my little master!

We'll shut you up! We'll nail you down! We will, my little master!

We think we've all heard quite enough of this your sad disaster!"



RL.4.3 1. Which character traits best describe most of the speakers in the poem?

helpful imaginative nervous playful gloomy

RL.4.5 2. Which two structural elements does the poet use?

stanzas paragraphs dialogue rhyme

L.4.5 3. Explain how the poet uses personification.

RL.4.1 4. For each set of items, list the lines that suggest the items.
For example, K suggests a kangaroo, so K goes on the line for Animals.

Animals _____

Fruits, Vegetables, and Nuts _____

Toys, Song, and Musical Instruments _____

RL.4.10 5. Compare this poem with “The Table and the Chair.” The poems by Edward Lear are _____.

A) serious and profound B) funny and whimsical C) both A and B

RL.4.4 6. Reread the last line of the poem. What is the sad disaster?

A) the hurt arm C) my little master
B) a box of zinc D) answer not given