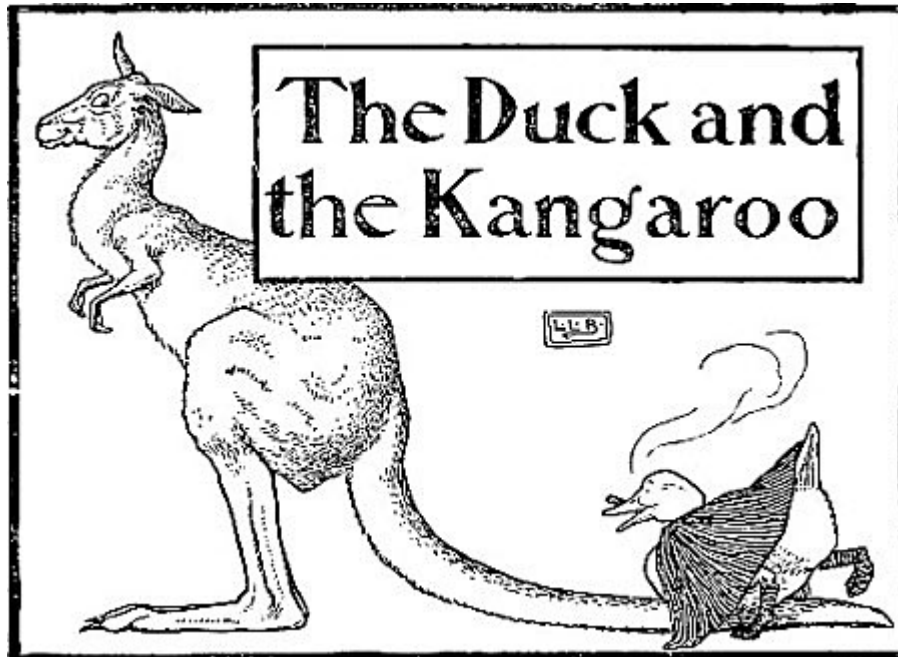


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Poetry Worksheet

Read the poem below before answering the following questions.



I

Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,
'Good gracious! How you hop!
Over the fields and the water too,
As if you never would stop!
My life is a bore in this nasty pond,
And I long to go out in the world beyond!
I wish I could hop like you!'
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

II

'Please give me a ride on your back!'
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.
'I would sit quite still, and say nothing but
"Quack,"
The whole of the long day through!
And we'd go to the Dee, and the Jelly Bo
Lee,
Over the land, and over the sea;—
Please take me a ride! O do!'
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

III

Said the Kangaroo to the Duck,
'This requires some little reflection;
Perhaps on the whole it might bring me luck,
And there seems but one objection,
Which is, if you'll let me speak so bold,
Your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold,
And would probably give me the roo-
Matiz!' said the Kangaroo.

IV

Said the Duck, 'As I sat on the rocks,
I have thought over that completely,
And I bought four pairs of worsted socks
Which fit my web-feet neatly.
And to keep out the cold I've bought a
cloak,
And every day a cigar I'll smoke,
All to follow my own dear true
Love of a Kangaroo!'

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V

Said the Kangaroo, 'I'm ready!
All in the moonlight pale;
But to balance me well, dear Duck, sit
steady!
And quite at the end of my tail!'

So away they went with a hop and a bound,
And they hopped the whole world three
times round;
And who so happy,—O who,
As the Duck and the Kangaroo?.

-- *Edward Lear (1870)*



Questions:

A. Read to understand

Write a summary of the poem.

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B. Literal questions

1. Who wrote this poem?

2. When was the poem written?

3. What is the theme of this poem?

4. Who are the characters in the story?

5. Why do you think the poet wrote this poem?

6. What did the Duck wish to do?

7. What is the dialogue about in the poem?

8. What did the duck ask the kangaroo?

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9. Was the kangaroo willing to accept what the kangaroo ask of him?

10. Why did the Duck consider life boring?

11. Why did the duck wanted to ride the kangaroo's tail?

12. What is the one concern the Kangaroo had about Duck's proposal?

13. How did the Duck seek to solve the Kangaroo's concerns?

14. How many times did the two travel the world?

15. Were the two animals happy with their arrangement? Explain.

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C. Discuss

1. What does friendship means to you?
2. What makes a good friend?
3. How do we compromise in our relationship with others?

D. Inferential questions

1. Would you consider the Duck and the Kangaroo to be true friends?

2. What figure of speech is used in lines 2, "*Good gracious! ..*"

3. What does the response in stanza 3 hints about the Kangaroo's character?

4. What does the following words mean:

a. reflection _____

b. cloak _____

c. objection _____

d. unpleasantly _____

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E. Read to appreciate

5. What is a nonsense poem? What qualifies this poem as a nonsense poem?

6. How does this poem appeal to the senses?

7. What sacrifices did both animals take to make this arrangement work?

8. List the rhyming words from the poem for the following words.

Stanza one rhymes	Stanza two rhymes

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Stanza three rhymes	Stanza four rhymes
Stanza five rhymes	

9. What is the rhyming scheme for this poem?

10. Why does the Duck end stanza IV by stating the following?

"...All to follow my own dear true/Love of a Kangaroo!"

11. Why does the following phrases mean?

"...nasty pond" (stanza 1)

"...roo-Matiz" (stanza V)

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“...worsted socks” (stanza IV)

12. What is the tone of this poem?
