

Using Shel Silverstein's Poetry to Foster Communication throughout the Curriculum



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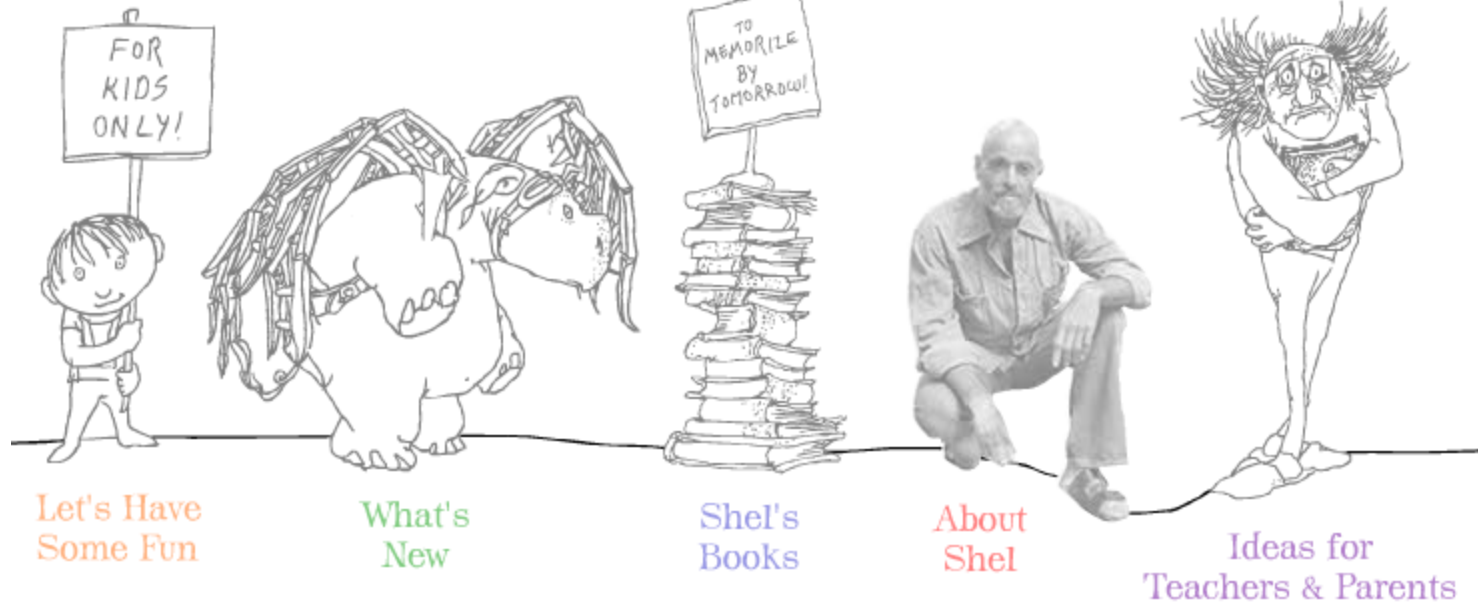


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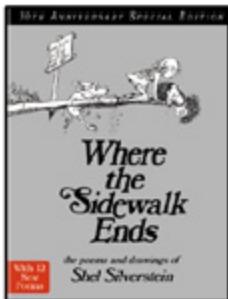
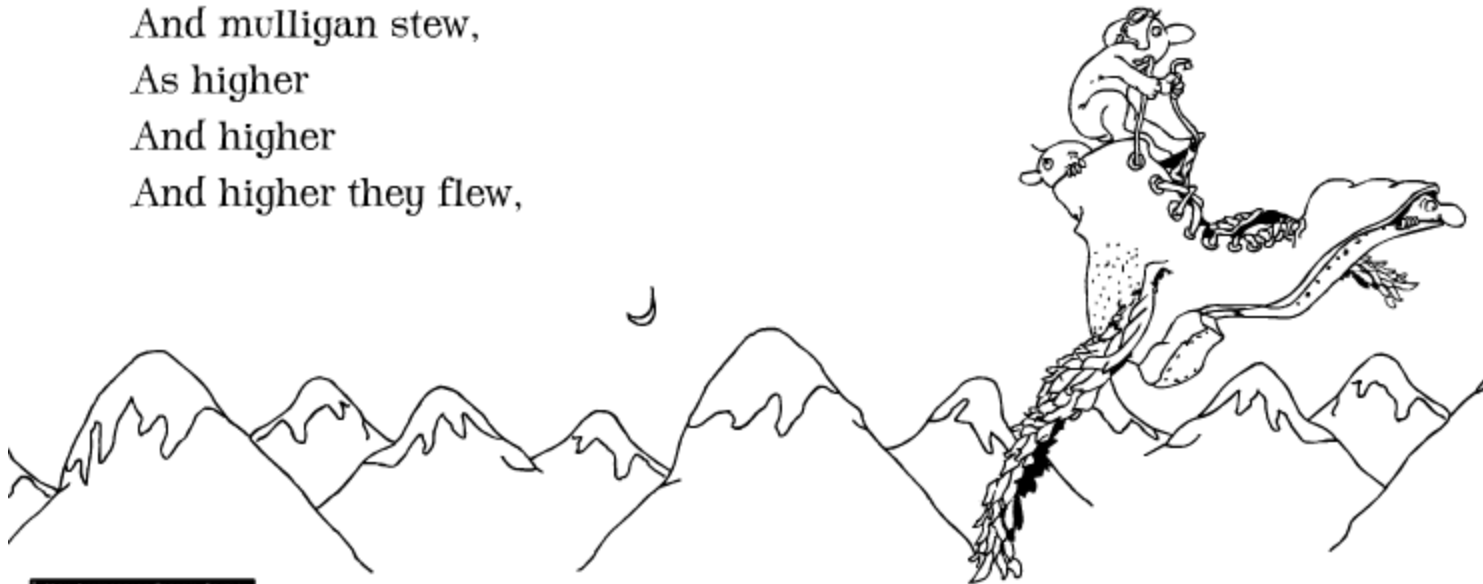
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Ickle was captain,
And Pickle was crew,
And Tickle served coffee
And mulligan stew,
As higher
And higher
And higher they flew,

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Increasing Vocabulary



The Farmer and the Queen



From Shel Silverstein's "Where the Sidewalk Ends", p. 32

"She's coming", the farmer said to the owl.

"Oh, what shall I do? Oh, what shall I do?

Shall I bow when she comes? Shall I twiddle my thumbs?"

And the owl asked, "Who, who?"

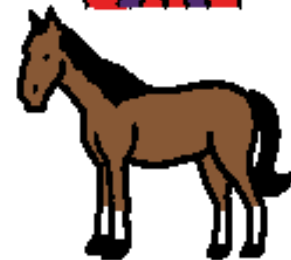


"The queen, the queen, the royal queen.

She'll pass the farm today.

Shall I salute?", he asked the horse.

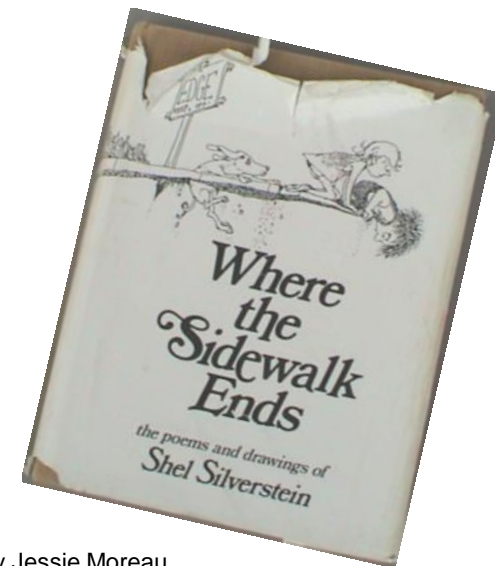
And the horse said, "Nay, nay."



Increasing Vocabulary



"What's In the Sack?"



What's In the Sack from Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein; adaptations by Jessie Moreau

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RAIN

“Where the Sidewalk Ends”, p. 40

I opened my eyes



And looked up at the rain,

And it dripped in my head



And flowed into my brain,

And all that I hear as I lie in my bed



Is the slishity-slosh of the rain in my head.



I step very softly,

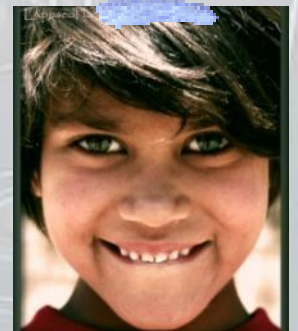
I walk very slow,

I can't do a handstand—

I might overflow,

So pardon the wild crazy thing I just said—

I'm just not the same since there's rain in my head.





Parts of Speech - Homonyms

Homonyms are words that are usually spelled the same but have different meanings.

Here are some examples:

- “Turkey?” (*Falling Up, p. 34*) *drumstick (turkey leg)*
drumstick (music)
- “Safe?” (*Falling Up, p. 25*) *safe (to cross the street)*
safe (falling from building)
- “Overdues” (*A Light in the Attic, p. 65*) *fine*
(something you pay) fine (feeling)
- “Traffic Light” (*Where the Sidewalk Ends, p. 121*)
light (brightness) light (weight)



Parts of Speech - Homophones

Homophones are words that sound alike but are different in meaning and spelling.

Here are some examples:

- “Little Hoarse” (*Falling Up, p. 29*) *hoarse horse*
- “Anteater” (*A Light in the Attic, p. 61*) *anteater
aunt eater*
- “Wild Boar” (*Where the Sidewalk Ends, p. 68*) *shore sure*



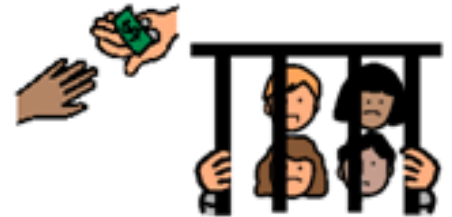
Parts of Speech - Opposites


“The Googies are Coming”


The googies are coming, and maybe tonight,





To buy little children and lock them up tight.



80¢ Eighty cents for **husky** ones, 

25¢ Quarter for the **weak** ones 

1¢ Penny each for **noisy** ones, 

\$1.00 A dollar for the **meek** ones. 



Math – Money Skills



THE GOOGIES ARE COMING

From Shel Silverstein's, "Where the Sidewalk Ends", p. 50

The googies are coming, the old people say,



To buy little children and take them away.



50¢ Fifty cents for **fat** ones,



20¢ Twenty cents for **lean** ones,



15¢ Fifteen cents for **dirty** ones,



30¢ Thirty cents for **clean** ones,



5¢ A nickel each for **mean** ones.



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