

Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.

tarried

fowl

elegant

dined

shilling

runcible

bird

a combination of a fork
and a spoon

ate

coin

graceful

delayed

Skimming and scanning for information

Find the words above in the text below and highlight them.

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat, They took
some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five-pound note. The Owl
looked up to the stars above,
And sang to a small guitar, "O lovely Pussy!
O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are, You are,
You are! What a beautiful Pussy you are!"
Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl!
How charmingly sweet you sing! Oh! Let us be
married! too long we have tarried:
But what shall we do for a ring?" They sailed away,
for a year and a day,
To the land where the Bong-tree grows, And there in
a wood a Piggy-wig stood
With a ring at the end of his nose, His nose, His
nose, With a ring at the end of his nose.
"Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling
Your ring?" Said the Piggy, "I will." So they took it
away, and were married next day
By the turkey who lives on the hill.
They dined on mince and slices of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible spoon; And hand in
hand, on the edge of the sand,
They danced by the light of the moon, The moon,
The moon, They danced by the light of the moon.

Summarise

Summarise the text in less than 15 words.

1. This poem is known as a 'nonsense' poem. Find three pieces of evidence to support this statement. (3 marks)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

2. Name three items that the Owl and the Pussy-Cat took with them on their travels. (1 mark)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

3. Describe in your own words how they find a wedding ring. (2 marks)

4. Find four words in this sentence that are part of homophone pairs. Write the word from the text and its homophone. (2 marks)

"Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling your ring?"

1) _____ / _____

2) _____ / _____

3) _____ / _____

4) _____ / _____

5. Find and copy two words which the Pussy uses to describe the Owl. (2 marks)

6. What time of day was it when the Owl and the Pussy-Cat first set sail? (1 mark)
