



Never a Dull Moment

If you like to keep lively,
If you hate being bored,
Just come down to our house
And knock on the door.

There's my sister the screamer, and my
brother who roars,
And a grandpa who's stone deaf
(he's the one who slams doors).

It's the noisiest house
In the whole of our town,
There's doors always slamming
And things falling down.

So come down to our house,
You don't need the address,
You'll hear it ten miles away
And the outside's a mess.

There's my dad, who keeps shouting,
And my mum, who breaks things,
The baby (who'll bite you!)
And our dog running rings.

You won't mind the racket,
You'll just love the din -
For there's never a dull moment
In the house we live in!

By Tony Bradman

Can you find the right word to fill in the gaps?

1. There's no _____ in our house
a) happiness b) boredom c) one
2. There's _____.
a) no noise b) too much noise c) some noise
3. Dad _____ all the time.
a) shouts b) talks c) cries
4. Grandpa can't _____.
a) walk b) hear c) talk
5. It's _____ to find our house.
a) easy b) difficult c) hard

Can you order the members of the family according to the order they appear in the poem?

- a) Grandpa ___ b) Sister ___ c) Baby ___ d) Mother ___ e) Father ___ f) Brother ___
g) Dog ___

Match the correct action to each member of the family?

- a) _____ runs rings. b) _____ breaks things. c) _____ slams doors.
d) _____ shouts. e) _____ roars. f) _____ screams.
g) _____ bites.

Why not write a poem about your family?

What is it like in your house at the moment? Are there shouters and screamers, jokers and tricksters, cuddlers and kissers, singers or dancers?

Try and write one verse for each member of the family.

Think about each member of your family and give them a characteristic.



Here's another fun poem by Tony Bradman.

The Sandwich By Tony Bradman

Oh what shall I have
Today for my tea?
I know - a sandwich,
As big as can be!

A cake with some candles,
Some chocolate (one bar),
Spaghetti, bananas,
Sweets from a jar,

I'll start with the bread,
Two slices, quite large;
Then slap on some jam,
Oh yes, and some marge,

Baked beans and humbugs,
Carrots and mustard,
All topped off with cream
And steaming hot custard...

I'll put in some cheese,
A tomato or two,
And maybe an onion
This big one will do!

Now a sandwich like that
You really can't beat,
It's packed out with goodies,
A real tasty treat.

I'll bung in some lettuce,
A radish, of course,
And...a sizzling burger,
All covered in sauce!

There's only one problem;
It's breaking my heart...
It's such a big sandwich -
Where do I start?

Add in some chicken,
And maybe some chips,
Some biscuits, an apple,
A packet of crisps,



There are 26 different ingredients in this sandwich, can you list all the ingredients? _____

Can you match these rhyming sentences from the poem?

1. A radish, of course.
2. And maybe some chips,
3. Carrots and mustard,
4. Some chocolate (one bar),

- A) A packet of crisps,
- B) All covered in sauce!
- C) Sweets from a jar,
- D) And steaming hot custard...

How about trying to write a poem yourself.

Have a look in your cupboards and fridge and see what ingredients you would choose to put in your giant sandwich!

Tony Bradman has written lots of books for children of all ages and abilities as well as several poetry anthologies. To see a list go to his website:

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1) B 2) A 3) D 4) C

