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My Nose is Running

By Neal Levin

My nose is running, yes it is.
It hopped right off my face.
It's scurrying down the corridor
And hurrying place to place.



It's running through the supermarket
Breathing in the food
And sneezing on the customers
Who think that's mighty rude.

It's running round the playground
And it's slipping down the slide.
It leaves a trace of mucus
That was dripping from inside.

My nose is running faster
Than my feet-it's just as well.
I didn't really need my nose.
My feet can also smell.

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1. Is this poem realistic or fantasy? Explain.

2. According to stanza two, what is the nose doing that the customers think is rude?

3. An action verb is a word used to describe an action. Look at stanza three. List two action verbs that the poet uses to describe what his nose is doing.

4. At the end of the poem, what made the poet decide that he really didn't need his nose?

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.
Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell
each word correctly.

1. ___ c u ___ r ___ i ___ g

hint: moving quickly with short steps

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2. c ___ ___ r ___ d ___ r

hint: long, narrow hallway

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3. ___ u ___ u ___

hint: thick liquid produced by the nose or throat

3. _____

4. c u ___ t ___ m ___ ___ s

hint: people who buy goods from a business

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5. t ___ a ___ e

hint: a small amount of something

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6. ___ ___ i ___ p i n ___

hint: falling in small drops

6. _____

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1. Is this poem realistic or fantasy? Explain.

This poem is fantasy because a nose cannot really hop off your face and travel to different places on its own.

2. According to stanza two, what is the nose doing that the customers think is rude?

The customers think it is rude that his nose is sneezing all over them.

3. An action verb is a word used to describe an action. Look at stanza three. List two action verbs that the poet uses to describe what his nose is doing.

running dripping (can also use slipping)

4. At the end of the poem, what made the poet decide that he really didn't need his nose?

At the end of the poem the poet decided he really didn't need his nose because his feet can smell too.

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