Spring Surprises

by Guy Belleranti

Spring has arrived with surprises.

A lot of them are weird.

My Dad is growing fins and gills

My goldfish grew a beard.

Zoo animals are leafing out.

Gardens are sprouting fur.

Cats are meowing, "Ruff, ruff, ruff"





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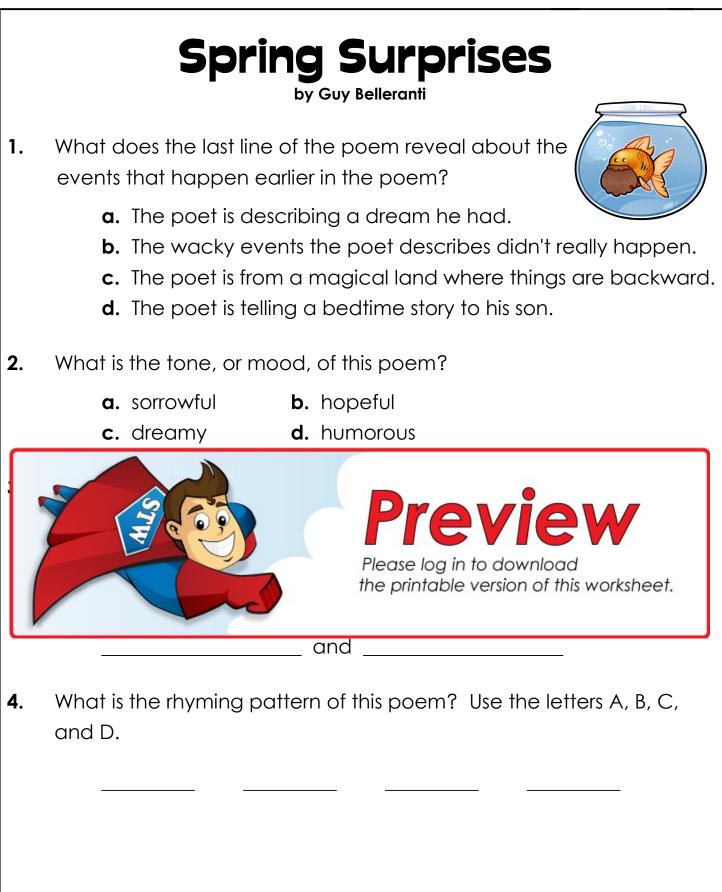
Kids are going to work each day.

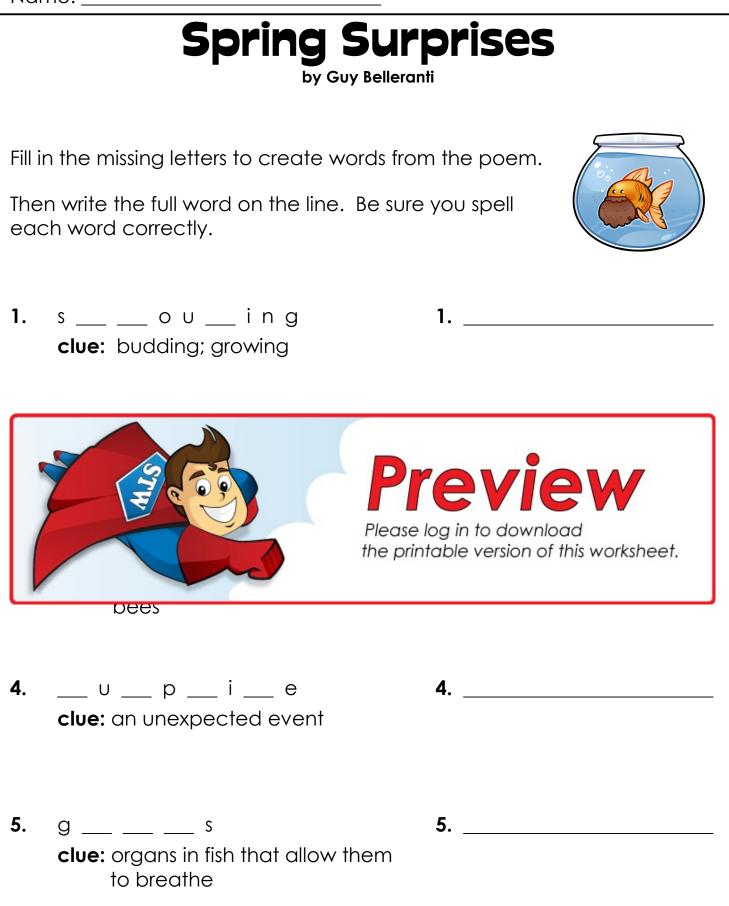
Parents are back in schools.

And here's the top surprise of all—

Happy April Fool's!







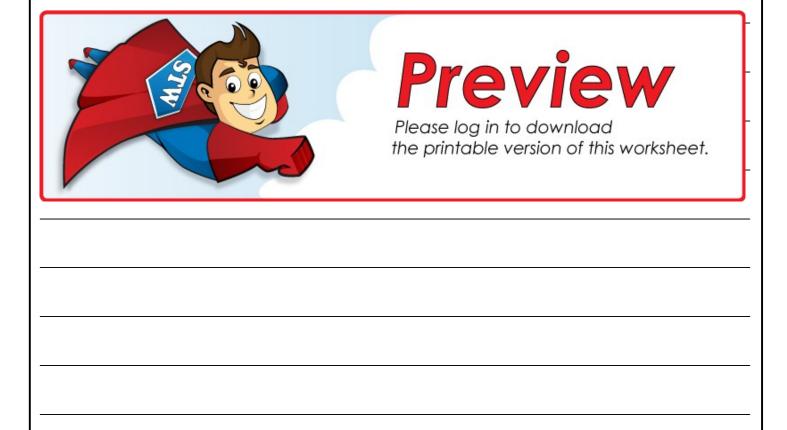
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In the poem, "Spring Surprises," the poet describes a series of wacky events that turn out to be an April Fool's joke.



Have you ever pulled a prank on April Fool's Day? Has someone ever "fooled" you on the first of April? Describe what happened on the lines below.



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 What does the last line of the poem reveal about the events that happen earlier in the poem?



a. The poet is describing a dream he had.

b. The wacky events the poet describes didn't really happen.



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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the poem.

Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.



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clue: organs in fish that allow them to breathe