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# FLIBBERTIGIBBET

by Lill Pluta



A flibbertigibbet's a gossip, a snoop,  
a tireless tattler in search of the scoop.

Looking  
always

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Fond of a riddle, in love with a fib,

the flibbertigibbet is flighty and glib.

But the problem with meddlers and babblers and such  
is no one will trust them – well not very much.

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  - a. Flibbertigibbets don't have any friends.
  - b. Flibbertigibbets don't usually like people.
  - c. Flibbertigibbets are too talkative.
  - d. Flibbertigibbets aren't trusted by others.

2. What is the correct definition for the first definition of the word?



3. Match each word on the left with the best definition on the right.

\_\_\_ tidbit

a. person who talks too much

\_\_\_ fib

b. small piece of information

\_\_\_ meddler

c. small lie

\_\_\_ babbler

d. person who interferes in someone else's affairs

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  - a. Flibbertigibbets don't have any friends.
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  - c. Flibbertigibbets are too talkative.
  - d. **Flibbertigibbets aren't trusted by others.**
2. What is the poet doing in the first six lines of the poem? **c**



3. Match each word on the left with the best definition on the right.

<b>b</b> tidbit	a. person who talks too much
<b>c</b> fib	b. small piece of information
<b>d</b> meddler	c. small lie
<b>a</b> babbler	d. person who interferes in someone else's affairs