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Classic Literature: The Story of Fidgety Philip

“The Story of Fidgety Philip” is a poem from the book Struwwelpeter: Merry Tales and Funny Pictures by Dr. Heinrich Hoffmann. Published in 1845 in Germany, it’s the story of a boy who could not sit still at the dinner table.

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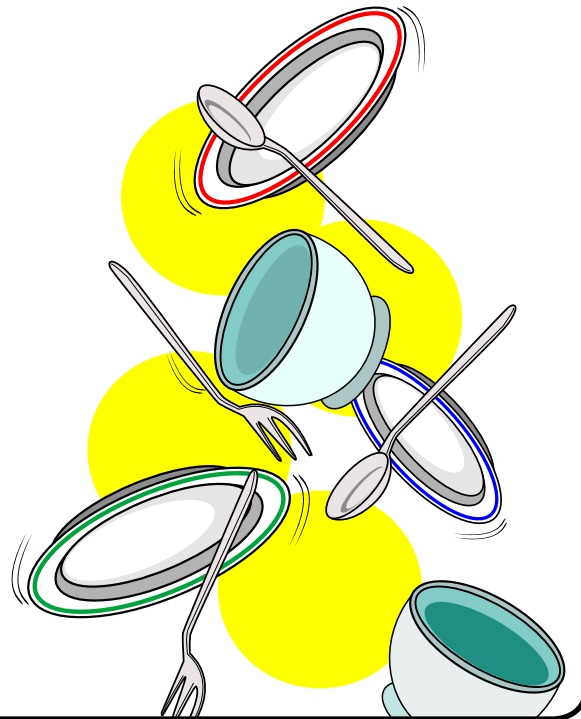
Let me see if Philip can
Be a little gentleman
Let me see, if he is able
To sit still for once at table:
Thus Papa bade Phil behave;
And Mamma look’d very grave.

But fidgety Phil,
He won’t sit still;
He wriggles
and giggles,
And then, I declare
Swings backwards and forwards
And tilts up his chair,
Just like any rocking horse; -
“Philip! I am getting cross!”

See the naughty restless child
Growing still more rude and wild.
Till his chair falls over quite.
Philip screams with all his might.
Catches at the cloth, but then
That makes matters worse again.
Down upon the ground they fall.
Glasses, plates, knives, forks and all.
How Mamma did fret and frown.
When she saw them tumbling down!
And Papa made such a face!
Philip is in sad disgrace.

Where is Philip, where is he?
Fairly cover’d up you see!
Cloth and all are lying on him;
He has pull’d down all upon him.
What a terrible to-do!
Dishes, glasses, snapt in two!
Here a knife, and there a fork!

Philip, this is cruel work.
Table all so bare, and ah!
Poor Papa, and poor Mamma
Look quite cross, and wonder how
They shall make their dinner now.





The Story of Fidgety Philip: Do You Understand?

I: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question below:

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|---|---|
| <p>1. What caused Philip's chair to fall?</p> <p>A. Philip kicked the table over.</p> <p>B. Philip was standing on the chair.</p> <p>C. Philip was rocking the chair back and forth.</p> <p>D. Papa pulled the chair away from the table.</p> | <p>3. Who told Philip to behave?</p> <p>A. Papa</p> <p>B. Mamma</p> <p>C. The author</p> <p>D. No one</p> |
| <p>2. What did Philip grab when he started to fall.</p> <p>A. Mamma</p> <p>B. The knives, forks, and spoons</p> <p>C. His chair</p> <p>D. The tablecloth</p> | <p>4. What meal was the family going to eat?</p> <p>A. Breakfast</p> <p>B. Lunch</p> <p>C. Tea</p> <p>D. Dinner</p> |

II. Character Match

The poem has three characters: Philip, Papa, and Mamma. Write the the correct character for each event below.

1. "did fret and frown" _____
2. "screams with all his might" _____
3. "look'd very grave" _____
4. "made such a face" _____
5. "wiggles and giggles" _____





The Story of Fidgety Philip: Vocabulary

Part I. Using New Words

For each word below, circle the letter of a word or phrase that has a similar meaning. Then write an original sentence using the word.

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Part II. Homonyms

Homonyms are words that are spelled and pronounced the same way, but they have different meanings. Below are words from the poem that have two different meanings. Circle the letter of the meaning as used in the poem.

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| 1. matters | 4. grave |
| A. to be important B. situations | A. a place for burying B. serious |
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| A. angry B. a mark of two lines that intersect | A. worry or concern B. a bar on a guitar |
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Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

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YFDIGET

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SNIKVE

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CHOLT

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Philip did not behave like a

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Philip caused problems when he
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Student's answers may vary. Example of correct answers:

He rocked his chair
until it fell.

He broke some of the
glasses when he pulled
the tablecloth.

He ruined the dinner.





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