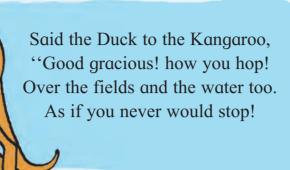
3.5 The Duck and the Kangaroo

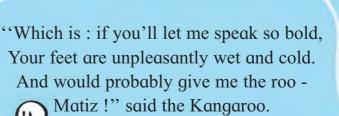




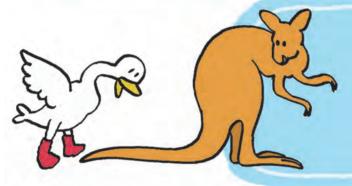
"My life is a bore in this nasty pond,
And I long to go out in the world beyond!

I wish I could hop like you!"
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

Said the Kangaroo to the Duck,
"This requires some little reflection:
Perhaps on the whole it might bring me luck.
And there seems but one objection.



Said the Duck, "As I sat on the rocks I have thought over that completely. And I bought four pairs of worsted socks Which fit my web-feet neatly."

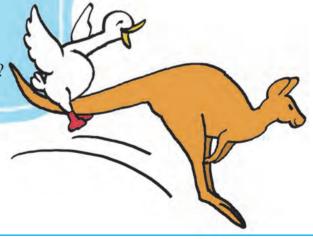


Said the Kangaroo, "I'm ready! All in the moonlight pale; But to balance me well dear Duck, sit steady! And quite at the end of my tail!"

So away they went with a hop and a bound.

And they hopped the whole world three times round: And who so happy, O Who,

As the Duck and the Kangaroo?



- 'Good gracious!': an exclamation, words used to show surprise or other strong feelings
- bore (noun) : something that is dull, not interesting
- long (verb): wish for something, want something very much
- **reflection**: thinking
- **objection**: reason for not doing something
- roo- matiz: The poet's funny way of saying rheumatism which is a disease.
- worsted: special woollen fabric
- **bound** (noun) : big jump



- 1. Form groups of three. Play the roles of the narrator the Duck and the Kangaroo and read the poem aloud with proper pauses and intonation.
- 2. Read aloud the following words. Note the difference in the long and the short vowel sounds.
 - fit-feet
- bit-beat
- hit-heat
- sit-seat

- pick-peak
- chick-cheek
- * tick-teak
- lick-leak

Find other pairs of words with long and short vowel sounds.

Example: pen-pain,

- 3. Put the following events in the order in which they took place.
 - (a) The Duck told the Kangaroo about his wish.
 - (b) The Duck was bored.
 - (c) The Duck lived in a pond.
 - (d) The Kangaroo agreed to take the Duck with him.
 - (e) The Kangaroo thought about it.
 - (f) The Duck decided to talk to the Kangaroo.
 - (g) The Duck and the Kangaroo travelled round the world three times.
 - (h) The Duck bought four pairs of socks.
- 4. Use other words in place of the highlighted words to make meaningful sentences.
 - How you hop!
 - As if you would never stop!
 - I long to go out in the world.
 - I wish I could hop like you!
 - Who so happy, O Who, as the Duck and the Kangaroo?

l could whistle like How you you! bark!





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5. Tourists and Citizens:

Prepare the following placards. Let different children stand in different places to create a make-believe town in the classroom. Other children play the roles of (a) citizens and (b) tourists.

The tourists enquire about the route to different places in the town and the citizens guide them.

They may also exchange more information about the places.

- * garden * bank * school * old palace
- hospitalmuseumzoocollege
- factorylibraryart gallerylaboratory
- * stadium * theatre * old market place

You may use your imagination to give names to the above places.

