

English

In your home learning book answer the questions below about this poem - The Owl and the Pussy-Cat.

*The Owl and the Pussy Cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea green boat.
They took some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five-pound note
The Owl looked up to the stars above
And sang to a small guitar,
'O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are,
You are!
What a beautiful Pussy you are!'*

*Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl'
How charmingly sweet you sing'
O let us be married! Too long we have tarried
But what shall we do for a ring?"
They sailed away, for a year and a day.
To the land where the Bong-Tree grows
And there in a wood a Piggy Wig stood*

*With a ring at the end of his nose,
His nose,
His nose,
With a ring at the end of his nose.*

*"Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for a shilling
Your ring?" said the Piggy, "I will"
So they took it away, and were married next day
By the Turkey who lives on the hill.
They dined on mince, and slices of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible spoon,
And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,
They danced by the light of the moon,
The moon,
The moon,
They danced by the light of the moon.*

Tarried = stayed longer than intended.

Runcible = curved fork with a sharp edge for cutting.

Questions 29 to 38 are about *'The Owl and the Pussy-Cat'*

29. Find and copy a word that means that the boat looked great.

30. Where was the honey kept?

31. Find a phrase in the first verse that shows how the Owl feels about the Pussy-Cat

32. What does the word 'fowl' mean in the second verse?

33. Why does the Pussy-Cat need a ring?

34. What ideas are we given about the place that the Owl and the Pussy-Cat sailed to?

35. Look at the verse beginning: "*Dear Pig...*"
Which phrase shows why the Owl and the Pussy-Cat were sailing away?

36. Some people think that this poem is about nonsense. Give **two** reasons why this might be true?

1. _____

2. _____

37. There are many rhymes in this poem. Write the rhyming pair for each word

boat

married

sing

mince

38. This poem is a happy poem. Explain why using the text to help you.
