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# The World of Shel Silverstein

## A Guide for Teachers and Librarians

Whether you're reading Shel Silverstein's poems with your students, using his books to celebrate Poetry Month, or planning a celebration at your school or library, [www.shelsilverstein.com](http://www.shelsilverstein.com) has the resources you need to engage students in the fantastic world of this visionary poet and artist. Follow the links below for Shel Silverstein activities, event kits, games, and other resources made especially for you and your students. These links explore [www.shelsilverstein.com](http://www.shelsilverstein.com) to find additional materials that you can use in your classroom or library—including exclusive adaptations of many of Shel Silverstein's poems. Welcome to the magical world of Shel Silverstein!

### About Shel Silverstein: Biography and Photo Gallery

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Poetry Month Classroom Activities  
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 Don't Jump for Chump Event Kit

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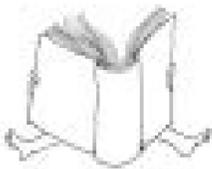
Cartoon Book Drawing and Activity Booklet  
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HarperCollins Children's Books

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### Sick by Shel Silverstein

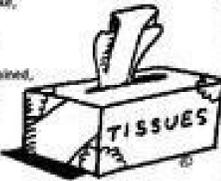
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 A gash, a rash and purple bumps.  
 My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,  
 I'm going blind in my right eye.  
 My tonsils are as big as rocks,  
 I've counted sixteen chicken pox  
 And there's one more—that's seventeen,  
 And don't you think my face looks green?  
 My leg is cut—my eyes are blue—  
 It might be instamatic flu.  
 I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,  
 I'm sure that my left leg is broke—  
 My hip hurts when I move my chin,  
 My belly button's caving in,  
 My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,  
 My 'pendix pains each time it rains.  
 My nose is cold, my toes are numb,  
 I have a sliver in my thumb,  
 My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,  
 I hardly whisper when I speak.  
 My tongue is filling up my mouth,  
 I think my hair is falling out.  
 My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight,  
 My temperature is one-o-eight.  
 My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,  
 There is a hole inside my ear.  
 I have a hangnail, and my heart is—what?  
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 You say today is...Saturday?  
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POETRY QUIZ

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10. not sick  
11. worse
3. Read line 26. What is the speaker trying to say? (Inference + Close Reading)  
14. The speaker is sick with a high fever.  
15. The speaker needs medicine to get better soon.  
16. The speaker needs to be treated.
4. After reading the text, what can you conclude? (Inference + Close Reading)  
14. The speaker does not feel well and needs medicine.  
15. The speaker and pretending to be sick to come to school on a day of school.  
16. The speaker is happy to make a day of school.  
17. The speaker is getting to feel sick and has to wear school.
4. What does the speaker realize at the end of the poem? (Inference + Inference)  
14. The speaker realizes that there are no school that day.  
15. The speaker realizes that he has to go to school.  
16. The speaker says pretending to be sick when he actually was really sick.  
17. The speaker will get the sick and a flu shot for him.
5. Read line 3. She is an example of... (Inference + Sequence)  
14. Metaphor  
15. Alliteration  
16. Onomatopoeia  
17. Simile
6. Which line provides a pun about being sick? (Anagram + Sequence)  
14. Line 10  
15. Line 23  
16. Line 2  
17. Line 1
7. The reader can conclude that the main character... (Character Analysis)  
14. Pretend getting sick and staying in bed all day.  
15. Does not want to go to school.  
16. Pretend getting sick and staying in bed all day.  
17. Does not want to go to school and wants to stay home.
8. The poet wrote this poem... (Author's Purpose)  
14. To entertain the reader with a multiple poem.  
15. To entertain the reader with a humorous poem.  
16. To entertain the reader with a serious poem.  
17. To entertain the reader with a literary poem.
9. Which of the following is true about this poem? (Text)  
14. The poem has three stanzas.  
15. The poem is a free verse poem.  
16. The poem has 31 stanzas and 31 lines.  
17. The poem has 31 stanzas and 4 lines.
10. Check your answers. This poem is... (Text)  
14. Fiction  
15. Nonfiction

## Sick

Shel Silverstein, 1930 - 1999

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