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Big bulgy fat black slugs

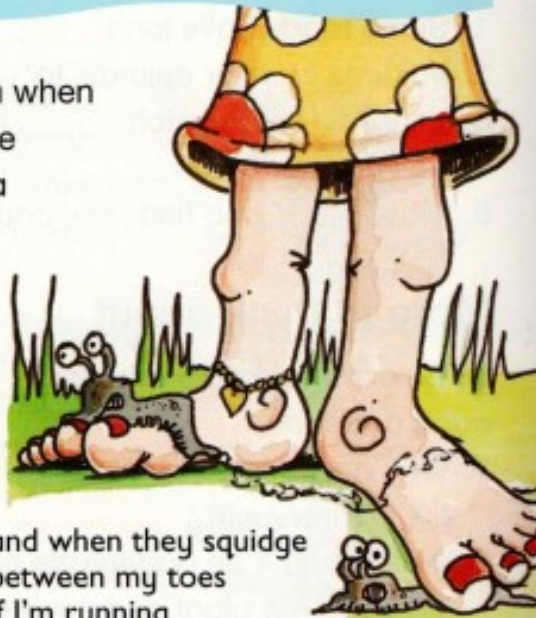
Berlie Doherty wrote this poem when her young daughter ran into the garden in bare feet – and got a slug stuck between her toes!

I don't like
big bulgy black fat slugs.
I don't know why.

When they creep along,
soft and slimy and squashy,
wobbly and wet,
in the long grass;

and when they slide,
their slippery trail
squelchy blobs
along the path;
and when they curl up,
cold and slithery
if I touch one by mistake;

and when they squidge
between my toes
if I'm running
in bare feet ...
that's when I know,
I know for sure,
I wouldn't want one
for a pet.



Do you remember?

Copy these sentences.

Choose a word from the box to fill in the missing words.

pet slugs toes grass path

1. The poet doesn't like _____.
2. She says they are wobbly and wet in the long _____.

3. They leave their slippery trails along the _____.
4. She doesn't want them to get between her _____.
5. She definitely wouldn't want a slug as a _____.

More to think about

Look at the poem again. One word in each sentence doesn't make sense. Write each sentence correctly in your book.

1. Slugs are usually yellow.
2. They jump through wet grass.
3. When they swim they leave a slippery trail.
4. Slugs explode between your toes.

Now try these

1. Write the words the poet uses to describe these.
The first one has been done to help you.
a) what slugs look like **big bulgy black**
b) how slugs look when they creep
c) how slugs look when they slide
d) how slugs feel if you touch them
2. Make a list of your four favourite creatures.
Say why you like each one.
3. Make a list of four creatures you don't like.
Say what it is you don't like about each one.
4. Imagine the slug could understand English, and heard people saying unkind and rude things about him.
How would he feel, and what might he say back?

