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Spring Surprises

by Guy Belleranti

Spring has arrived with surprises.

A lot of them are weird.

My Dad is growing fins and gills

My goldfish grew a beard.



Zoo animals are leafing out.

Gardens are sprouting fur.

Cats are meowing, "Ruff, ruff, ruff"



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Most of them are funny.

Kids are going to work each day.

Parents are back in schools.

And here's the top surprise of all—

Happy April Fool's!

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1. What does the last line of the poem reveal about the events that happen earlier in the poem?
 - a. The poet is describing a dream he had.
 - b. The wacky events the poet describes didn't really happen.
 - c. The poet is from a magical land where things are backward.
 - d. The poet is telling a bedtime story to his son.

2. What is the tone, or mood, of this poem?
 - a. sorrowful
 - b. hopeful
 - c. dreamy
 - d. humorous



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4. What is the rhyming pattern of this poem? Use the letters A, B, C, and D.

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the poem.

Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.



1. s _ _ _ o u _ _ i n g

clue: budding; growing

1. _____



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4. _ _ u _ _ p _ _ i _ _ e

clue: an unexpected event

4. _____

5. g _ _ _ _ s

clue: organs in fish that allow them
to breathe

5. _____

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In the poem, "Spring Surprises," the poet describes a series of wacky events that turn out to be an April Fool's joke.



Have you ever pulled a prank on April Fool's Day? Has someone ever "fooled" you on the first of April? Describe what happened on the lines below.



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