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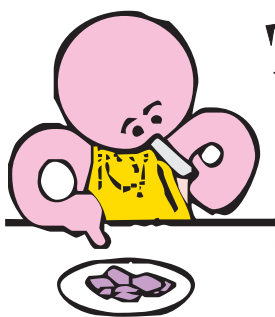
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Gelett Burgess: The Nonsense Expert

Born January 30, 1866, Gelett Burgess is remembered as a nonsense expert. In fact, he may be one of your favorite authors, even though you have probably never heard of him.

He invented such great words as "blurb" and "goop."

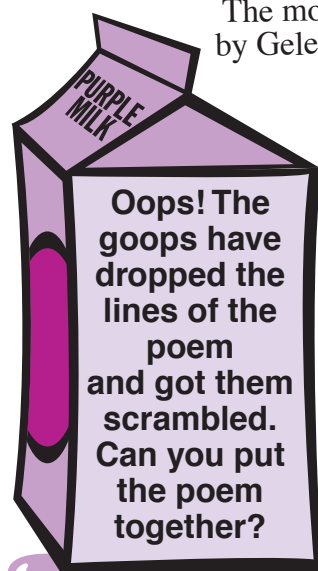
Goop comes from the many tales he told of the boneless, ill-mannered and sort-of-human characters he named "goops."



The goops, they lick their fingers;
The goops, they lick their knives.
They spill their broth on the table cloth.
Oh, they lead disgusting lives.

The Purple Cow

The most quoted poem of the 1890s was a little ditty by Gelett Burgess called "The Purple Cow."



- A But I can tell you anyhow,
- B I'd rather see than be one.
- C I never hope to see one.
- D I never saw a purple cow

ANSWER: The correct order is D, C, A, B.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

How to Draw a Purple Cow



STEP 1

Draw big, simple shapes for your cow's body with a pencil. Draw very lightly. A cow's body is a rectangle. Cows have short legs and a long tail. Draw ovals for the head and feet.

STEP 2

Still drawing with a pencil, start adding details like eyes, hooves, udders, and horns. Remember to draw lightly with the pencil because you'll be erasing the pencil lines.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



STEP 3

Draw over the pencil lines in ink. Make sure the ink is dry, then erase all the pencil lines. Color your cow and add spots, stripes, or wild & wacky patterns.

Extra! Extra!

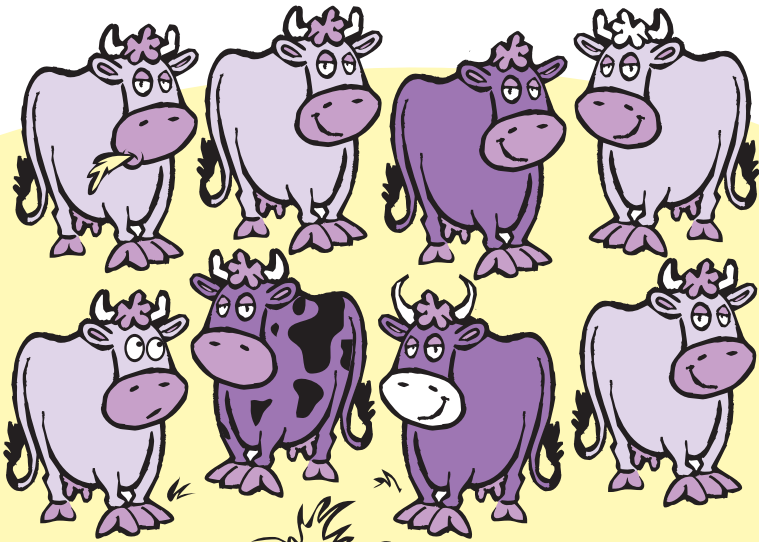
Nonsense Dot-to-Dot

Select one page of the newspaper and find all of the letters that spell the word NONSENSE. Circle each letter. Draw a line from the 'N' to the 'O' and so forth until you have connected all the letters. What kind of picture can you make from the design created by these dots and lines?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Only two of these kooky cows are identical. How fast can you find them? Better get moo-oo-ving!



Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Recognize objects that match.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- NONSENSE
- PURPLE
- EXPERT
- GOOPS
- BLURB
- ALPHABET
- POEM
- VERSES
- BROTH
- NEVER
- WORDS
- COW
- LOUD
- TEETH
- LICK

G M E R E V E N L E
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S D R O W R E S L E
G B P O P S N E P B
T R E P X E S W R A
E O D S S S O U H
E T U N S C L W P P
T H O O R B K C I L
H N L D X N N A M A

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Opposite Ads

Find an ad in the newspaper. Rewrite the ad so that it says just the opposite of the original.

Standards Link: Writing: Write brief descriptive narratives.



What word if pronounced right is wrong but if pronounced wrong is right?

ANSWER: Wrong.

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