

## Manners



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Ring the word nearest in meaning to 'premature'.  
paler      early      long      surprisingly
2. Which of the following is nearest in meaning to 'lingered'?  
hid      messed about      waited around      ate lunch
3. Which two of the following are nearest in meaning to the word 'contrite'?  
(Ring two words.)  
remorseful      frightened      repentant      shocked

**Write a full sentence to answer each of the following questions.**

4. In verse seven it says that the head teacher was smiling; explain why you think this was the case.

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5. On the last line of the poem the boys are heard to mutter that it just isn't fair. Explain why you think they feel this way and why they only mutter rather than speaking out loud and clear.

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6. At the beginning and end of the poem there are sentences in italics. What do you think is the purpose of these?

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### Notes for teachers

Read the poem aloud together, emphasizing the rhyme and rhythm. Do the children like the poem? Do they think the boys are being treated fairly? If not what sort of punishment do they think is appropriate?