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# A Great Catch

by Liana Mahoney

I found an earthworm on the ground,

Beside my shoe, it slithered 'round.

*Upon my fishing hook, he'll sit.*

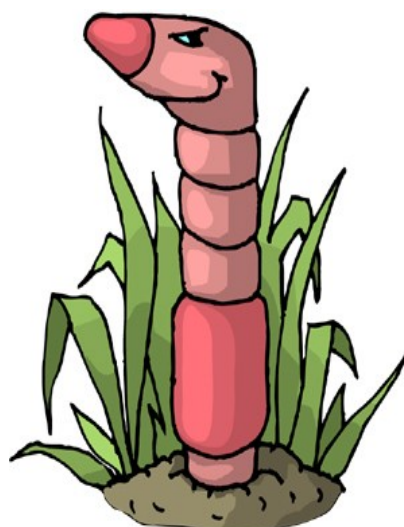
I smiled at the thought of it.

I bent down close to catch that guy;

And so I did, with just one try!

But then the grin slid from my face,

'Cause I had caught my own shoelace!



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1. Why did the child in the poem want to catch the worm he saw on the ground?

He wanted to use the worm as bait on his fishing hook.

2. The poet tries to trick her reader by adding a fun, surprise ending to the poem. What "surprise" did you find out at the end of the poem?

At the end of the poem, we find out that there is no worm. The child mistook his own shoelace for a worm.

3. Each line of this poem has the same number of syllables. How many syllables are in each line of the poem?

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4. Write four pairs of rhyming words that are used in the poem.

ground and 'round

sit and it

guy and try

face and shoelace