Never a Dull Moment

If you like to keep lively, If you hate being bored, Just come down to our house And knock on the door.
There’s my sister the screamer, and my brother who roars, And a grandpa who’s stone deaf (he’s the one who slams doors).

It’s the noisiest house In the whole of our town, There’s doors always slamming And things falling down.
So come down to our house, You don’t need the address, You’ll hear it ten miles away And the outside’s a mess.

There’s my dad, who keeps shouting, And my mum, who breaks things, The baby (who’ll bite you!) And our dog running rings.
You won’t mind the racket, You’ll just love the din - For there’s never a dull moment In the house we live in!

By Tony Bradman

Can you find the right word to fill in the gaps?

1. There’s no _____ in our house a) happiness  b) boredom  c) one
2. There’s _______. a) no noise  b) too much noise  c) some noise
3. Dad _______ all the time. a) shouts  b) talks  c) cries
4. Grandpa can’t ______. a) walk  b) hear  c) talk
5. It’s ______ to find our house. a) easy  b) difficult  c) hard

Can you order the members of the family according to the order they appear in the poem?

a) Grandpa   b) Sister   c) Baby   d) Mother   e) Father   f) Brother   g) Dog
Match the correct action to each member of the family?

a) _______ runs rings.       b) ________ breaks things.       c) ________ slams doors.

d) _______ shouts.       e) ________ roars.       f) __________ screams.

g) __________ bites.

Why not write a poem about your family?

What is it like in your house at the moment? Are there shouters and screamers, jokers and tricksters, cuddlers and kissers, singers or dancers?

Try and write one verse for each member of the family.

Think about each member of your family and give them a characteristic.
The Sandwich By Tony Bradman

Oh what shall I have  
Today for my tea?  
I know - a sandwich,  
As big as can be!

A cake with some candles,  
Some chocolate (one bar),  
Spaghetti, bananas,  
Sweets from a jar,

I’ll start with the bread,  
Two slices, quite large;  
Then slap on some jam,  
Oh yes, and some marge,

Baked beans and humbugs,  
Carrots and mustard,  
All topped off with cream  
And steaming hot custard...

I’ll put in some cheese,  
A tomato or two,  
And maybe an onion  
This big one will do!

Now a sandwich like that  
You really can't beat,  
It's packed out with goodies,  
A real tasty treat.

I’ll bung in some lettuce,  
A radish, of course,  
And...a sizzling burger,  
All covered in sauce!

There's only one problem;  
It's breaking my heart...  
It's such a big sandwich -  
Where do I start?

Add in some chicken,  
And maybe some chips,  
Some biscuits, an apple,  
A packet of crisps,
There are 26 different ingredients in this sandwich, can you list all the ingredients? ____________________________________________________
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Can you match these rhyming sentences from the poem?

1. A radish, of course.
2. And maybe some chips,
3. Carrots and mustard,
4. Some chocolate (one bar),

A) A packet of crisps,
B) All covered in sauce!
C) Sweets from a jar,
D) And steaming hot custard...

How about trying to write a poem yourself. Have a look in your cupboards and fridge and see what ingredients you would choose to put in your giant sandwich!

Tony Bradman has written lots of books for children of all ages and abilities as well as several poetry anthologies. To see a list go to his website:

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1) B  2) A  3) D  4) C