

Independent Practice

TABLE MANNERS I

The Goops they lick their fingers,
And the Goops they lick their knives;
They spill their broth on the tablecloth--
Oh, they lead disgusting lives!
The Goops they talk while eating,
And loud and fast they chew;
And that is why I'm glad that I
Am not a Goop--are you?

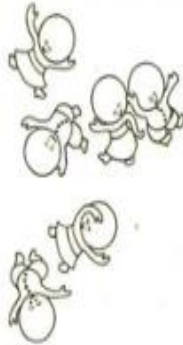


TABLE MANNERS II

The Goops are gluttonous and rude,
They gug and gumble with their food;
They throw their crumbs upon the floor,
And at dessert they tease for more;
They will not eat their soup and bread
But like to gobble sweets, instead,
And this is why I oft decline,
When I am asked to stay and dine!

CLEANLINESS

The Goops they are spotted on chin and on cheek,
You could dig the dirt off with a trowel!
But you wash your face twenty times every week,
And you don't do it all with the towel!

The Goops are all dirty, and what do they do?
They like to be dirty, and stay so.
But if you were dirty, you'd wash, wouldn't you?
If you needed a bath, you would say so!

From Goops and How to Be Them, by Gelett Burgess

The Grumbly-Grump



The Grumbly-Grump is loud and greedy.
His nose is runny; his eyes are beady.
His hair is tangled, brown, and weedy.
He grabs attention; he's oh, so needy.
His skin is smoky, gray, and drab,
His ways are grumble, grimace, grab.
All day long, he likes to blab.
His words are grating; his manners fleeting.
Annoying grunts, his only greeting.
His favorite food is gristle gravy.
He likes his hot dogs green and wavy.
His bed is concrete; his pillow's a rock.
His washcloth is a dirty sock.
A beloved scent is fresh ammonia;
His favorite illness is pneumonia.
Grossness is his highest goal;
Do not emulate this troll!



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Recurring Themes

Text Analysis

RECURRING THEME

When the same theme, or message about life, appears in more than one piece of literature, it is called a **recurring theme**. To find a shared or recurring theme, think about these questions:

- What is the subject of the works?
- What words and actions tell you how the speaker feels?
- What images stand out in your mind as you read?

	Table Manners	The Grumbly-Grump
Subject/ Topic Presented		
Words and actions that tell how the speaker feels		
Images that stand out in my mind Images: Sensory Language that appeals to the readers five senses		

1. How are the themes of the two poems similar? Cite two details to support your analysis