

It's a case for
Detective Sergeant Factual

Jack and Jill teacher's guide.

Pass out the Jack and Jill student worksheets, but ask the students to do nothing with them. Tell them that we will work on them together. Explain that if the numbered statement can be called true by what has been said in the poem, we circle a "T". If the statement can be called false, that is, not true, then we circle the "F". If the poem did not tell us that the statement was true or false, then we circle the "?".

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down,
And broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

- 1. Jill went up the hill.** T F ?
The first line tells us that Jill went up the hill, so we would circle what? "T" because the statement can be called true.
- 2. We're told that Jack went up to get a Popsicle.** T F ?
The second line tells us that Jack and Jill went to fetch a pail of water, and nothing else, we would call this statement not true, or false. We would circle what? The "F."
- 3. The pail was too heavy for Jack to carry.** T F ?
The poem does not tell us why both Jack and Jill had to go up the hill together. Therefore, we circle what? The "?".
- 4. Clumsy Jack tripped over his own feet and fell.** T F ?
The poem does not tell us why Jack fell down. Therefore we circle the "?".
- 5. Jill was Jack's sister** T F ?
The poem does not tell us if Jill was Jack's sister, so again we circle the what? The "?".
- 6. When Jack fell, Jill stayed on top of the hill and laughed.** T F ?
The poem tells us that Jill came tumbling after. This statement can be called false, because it does not tell what happened. Circle the "F".