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Dr. Seuss and the Rhyming Couplet

Directions: A couplet is a pair (or a couple) of lines of meter in poetry, and a rhyming couplet is a pair of lines that rhyme. Dr. Seuss loved to write in rhyming couplets. Below you will find an excerpt from *Horton Hears a Who!* Use the Visual Thesaurus to define the underlined vocabulary words in the excerpt and then try to complete each rhyming couplet with words that rhyme with the previous line endings and that you think will make sense in the context of the story.

Horton fought back with great vigor and vim

But the Wickersham gang was too many for _____.

They beat him! They mauled him! They started to haul

Him into his cage! But he managed to _____

To the Mayor: “Don’t give up! Believe in you all!

A person’s a person, no matter how _____!

And you very small persons will *not* have to die

If you make yourselves heard! *So come on, now, and* _____!

Vocabulary Definitions

vigor: _____

vim: _____

maul: _____

haul: _____