Glossary for "Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll from The Annotated Alice

**Jabberwock** - literally "the fruit of much excited discussion"

**brillig** - the time of broiling dinner; evening

**slithy** - a combination of "slimy" and "lithe"; smooth and active

**toves** - a species of badger with smooth white hair, long hind legs, and short horns like a stag; lived on cheese

**gyre** - to scratch like a dog; to twirl

**gimble** - to bore holes

**wabe** - (derived from the verb "swab" or "soak") the wet side of a hill

**mimsy** - miserable or unhappy; contemptable

**borogoves** - extinct type of parrot

**mome** - grave or serious

**raths** - a species of land turtle with a mouth like a shark and a smooth green body; walked on its knees

**outgrabe** - squeaked

**Jubjub bird** - dangerous animal

**frumious** - combination of "fuming" and "furious"; violently angry

**Bandersnatch** - another dangerous animal

**manxome** - something from the Isle of Man (Celtic name for that island is "Manx")

**Tum-tum** - the sound of a stringed instrument

**uffish** - a state of mind when the voice is gruffish, the manner roughish, and the temper huffish

**whiffling** - slang term in 19th century meaning "variable and evasive"

**burbled** - variant of "bubble"; can also mean "to perplex, confuse, or muddle"

**snicker-snack** - comes from the old English word "snickersnee," which is a large knife or means "to fight with a knife"

**galumphing** - combination of "gallop" and "triumphant"; to march on exultantly with irregular bounding movements

**beamish** - bright

**frabjous** - combination of "fabulous" and "joyous"; wonderful

**chortled** - laughing that is a blend of chuckling and snorting

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