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### You Are Old, Father William (A Humorous Poem)

-By Lewis Carroll



#### **A1. Answer these questions.**

**1. Name the two people having the conversation in the poem.**

**Ans:** The two people having the conversation are old Father William and his young son.

**2. Why does Father William stand on his head without any fear?**

**Ans:** The young people often accuse the older ones of losing their brains. Father William is very old and he feels sure that he no longer has any brain in his head to protect. So, he stands on his head without any fear.

**3. What does Father William manage to do despite being fat?**

**Ans:** Father William manages to turn somersaults which need great body fitness. But being fat proves no hurdle to this activity.

**4. How has Father William kept his limbs supple?**

**Ans:** Father William had regularly used a particular ointment on his limbs in his youth and this has helped him to keep his limbs supple.

**5. Quote at least three lines from the poem that suggest that Father William is old.**

**Ans:** The quotes to prove Father William is old are:

*Do you think, at your age, it is right?*

*'In my youth,' said the sage, as he shook his grey locks,*

*'Has lasted the rest of my life.'*



**A3. Answer these questions with reference to the context.**

**1. 'You are old,' said the youth, 'and your jaws are too weak....'**

**a) Who is the 'youth' being referred to?**

**Ans:** The youth being referred to here is Father William's son.

**b) Why is the 'youth' amazed?**

**Ans:** Father William is old and eats only suet pudding because of his weak jaws. The son is amazed because his father has eaten up a whole goose with all the bones and even the beak.

**c) What reason does the listener give for his strong jaws?**

**Ans:** Father William says that constantly arguing with his wife in his youth had helped to make his jaws strong.

**2. I have answered three questions, and that is enough...**

**a) Name the 'I' being referred to in the line.**

**Ans:** The 'I' here is Father William.

**b) Which three questions has the speaker answered?**

**Ans:** Father William has answered how he could stand on his head for a long time despite being so old, how he had managed to eat up a whole goose with its bones and beak despite having weak jaws and how he could turn somersaults despite being obese.

**c) What had the youth asked just before the speaker says the above line?**

**Ans:** The son had asked how Father William managed to balance an eel at the end of his nose despite having poor eyesight due to old age. At this question, Father William says the above line.

**A3. Think and answer.**



**1. Do you think Father William and his son share a friendly relationship? Give at least two reasons to support your answer.**

**Ans:** Yes, Father William and his son do share a friendly relationship. The son tries to advise his father without being overbearing or dictatorial. The father responds in a light-hearted manner to all the son's polite questions that actually act as warnings. And when he has run out of excuses he jokes about kicking his son down the stairs, implying that he has had enough warnings for one day.



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