

Smart



My dad gave me one-dollar bill
'Cause I'm his smartest son,
And I swapped it for two shiny quarters
'Cause two is **more than** one!

And then I took the quarters
And traded them to Lou
For three times -- I guess he don't know
That three is **more than** two!

Just then, along came old blind Bates
And just 'cause he can't see
He gave me four nickels for my three dimes,
And four is **more than** three!

And I took the nickels to Hiram Coombs
Down at the seed-feed store,
And the fool gave me five pennies for them,
And five is **more than** four!

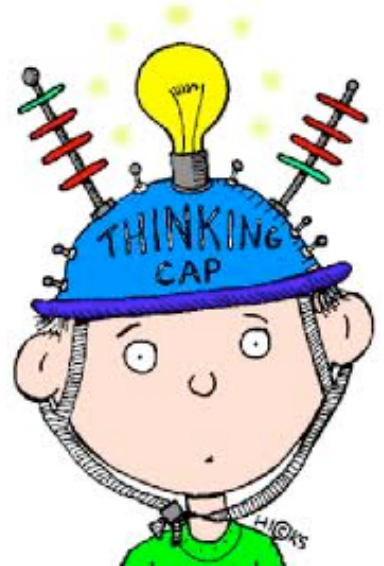
And then I went and showed my dad,
And he got red in the cheeks
And closed his eyes and shook his head--
Too proud of me to speak!

- **Shel Silverstein**



Making Connections

Can you make any connections with this poem? Remember to include the feelings that are associated with making that connection.



Inferencing

What can you infer about the father in this poem? What did the child telling the poem infer?