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What's In A Poem?

A busy buzzy bumblebee, a happy hopping wallaby, a cheeky chatty chimpanzee – that's what's in a poem.

A scrumptious slice of birthday cake, an ice cream with a chocolate flake, a tray of biscuits freshly baked – that's what's in a poem.

A zooming car,
a chuffing train,
an empty house,
a winding lane,
a holiday
in southern Spain –
that's what's in a poem.

A dragon's sneeze, a dinosaur, a wizard's spell, a monster's claw. All these things and many more – that's what's in a poem.



Lemurs

lively lemur leaping in the branches of a tree

lazy lemur lying down and sleeping happily

lucky lemur licking at a luscious little leaf

loving lemur latching to her mother underneath

little lemur laughing having lots of fun today

lonely lemur longing for a friend to come and play.



What Am I Like?

I'm like a cheeky monkey when I'm standing on my head

I'm like a stubborn mule because I will not go to bed

I'm like a messy pig because my room is like a sty

I'm like a grumpy elephant because I sometimes cry

I'm like a dashing cheetah when I'm darting home from school

I'm like a graceful dolphin when I'm swimming in the pool

I'm like a lazy lion when I'm lying in the sun

and being like an animal is such a lot of fun!

