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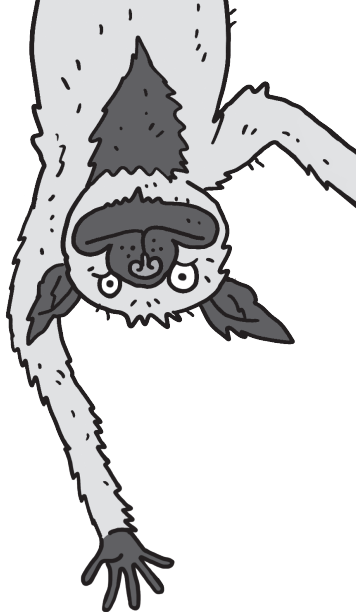
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What's In A Poem?

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!