

# I'm a Yellow Helicopter

I'm a yellow helicopter

Sitting on the ground

These are my rotor-blades

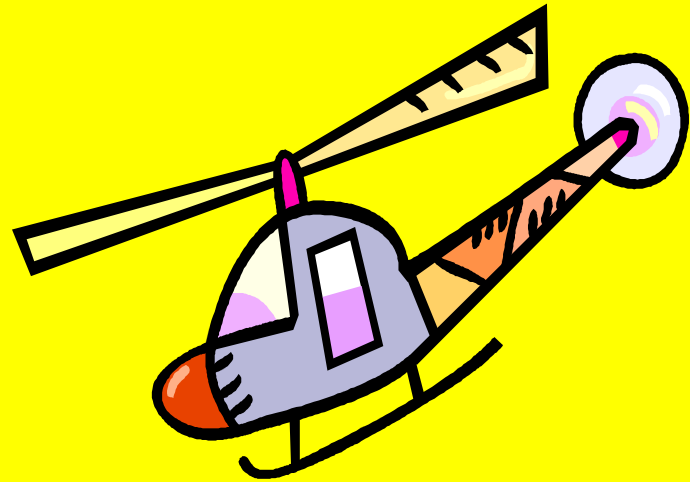
Slowly turning round

Faster now, and faster...

They're spinning like a top.

Take off...

Turn around..touch down...stop. B Thompson



# The Brat!



My little **brother** is a **brat**,  
He always gets in trouble.  
For eating dirt and throwing **bricks**,  
Dad calls him, "Double Trouble!"



He **broke** our mother's  
**brand new brooch**,  
**Brought branches** in the house.  
He thinks he's **brave** and  
stamps and stomps,  
I **wish** he were a mouse!



But when he goes to bed at night,  
He looks so good and sweet.  
And though I know he is a **brat**,  
I love him heaps and heaps!

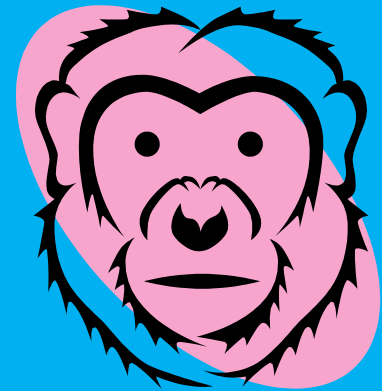


# Where Baboons Never Go

Blue Baboon had a red balloon,  
He tied it to his toe,  
He floated to the mountain tops  
Where baboons never go.

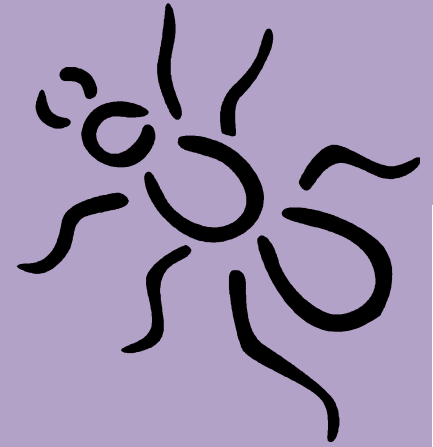
Red Baboon had a blue balloon,  
She tied it to her toe,  
She floated to the mountain tops  
Where baboons never go.

Blue Baboon and Red Baboon  
Ate carrots in the snow,  
Because they couldn't find bananas  
Where the baboons never go.



J Carr

# Bulldog Ant



A bulldog ant

A six-legged, bulldog ant

A six-legged, strong jawed bulldog ant

A six-legged, strong jawed bulldog ant  
leaps on another ant

A six legged, strong jawed bulldog  
ant waits in a flower.

# How much wood would a Woodchuck Chuck?

How much wood would a woodchuck  
chuck

If a woodchuck could chuck wood?

He would chuck, he would, as much as  
he could,

And chuck as much as a woodchuck  
would

If a woodchuck could chuck wood.

# Which Way Does the Wind Blow

Which way does the wind blow,  
And where does it go?  
It goes over the water.  
It rides over the snow.  
It blows and tosses  
The leaves from the trees.  
It blows and howls  
The waves from the sea.  
And where does it come from  
And where does it go?  
The weather vane can tell you.  
The weather vane will know.



# Wind Song

When the wind blows  
The quiet things speak.  
Some whisper, some clang,  
Some creak.  
Grasses swish,  
Treetops sigh,  
Flags slap and snap at the sky.  
Wires on poles, whistle and hum.  
Ash cans roll, windows drum.  
When suddenly the wind goes-  
Suddenly then, the quiet things  
are quiet again.

Lillian Moore



# Reading Strategies

Predicting

Clarifying

Questioning

Summarising

# **Thick Questions**

**Big Ideas**

**Not always found in the text**

**Inference**

**Why**

**What**

**How**

# Thin Questions

Closed Questions

Found in the text

When

Who

Where

Silly Salamander  
I went into the kitchen  
And what did I see?  
A silly little salamander  
Wriggling frantically  
He wriggled and wriggled  
Trying to get traction  
Trying to run  
He didn't know he was the greatest attraction  
The cats thought he was a new toy  
They just wanted to play with him  
Nothing more  
Just make him spitty and throw him to the floor  
We rescued him from the floor  
We threw him out the door  
The cats sniffed all around the floor  
They just wanted to play a little more  
He ran as fast as he could  
He ran so fast he left dust clouds  
We never saw him any more  
Once he was out the front door.

M Crosson

Who was  
attracted to the  
salamander?

Frog  
Every frog must croak  
That is no joke  
Agile is the lowly frog  
Eating insects, leaving bugs, mosquitoes agog  
They live in water, slime, gook  
Ugly, ugly face of a spook  
Green, grey or brown, they populate the ground  
Frogs legs are sold and eaten by the pound  
Jump, glide around, sit still  
Croak often, loud and shrill  
Water is the key to their life  
The procreate, sleep, avoid danger, strife  
Little or big they struggle to survive  
Even a frog is happy to be alive  
Some become road kill  
Or a snake's belly they fill  
They have lived, they have died  
Some rot, some are fried  
Dissected in a lab by a sharp knife  
Warts and all, a vital link in the chain of life.

Do you know  
what populate  
means?

What about  
the word  
dissected?

M Ali



# Salamanders and Newts

Salamanders and newts are amphibians with four legs and long tails. All newts are salamanders. Newt is the name used for some kinds of salamander.

Most newts spend more time living in water than salamanders do.



*a tiger salamander*

# The Frog



Be kind and tender to the Frog,  
And do not call him names,  
As "Slimy skin", or "Polly-wog",  
Or likewise Ugly James,  
Or "Gap-a-Grin", or Toad-gone-wrong",  
Or Billy Bandy-knees":  
The Frog is justly sensitive  
To epithets like these.  
No animal will more repay  
A treatment kind and fair;  
At least so lonely people say  
Who keep a frog (and, by the way,  
They are extremely rare)

Hilaire Belloc

What does the word  
epithets mean?

Pronounced  
Ep-uh- thet