

Year 2

Verbs Session 1

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Read through the extract yourself, highlight all of the verbs that you find and decide which teacher is correct.

Explain your answer.

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Early one morning, when he woke up, his mother said, 'Take this bag of goodies to your Grandma's.' into the bag she put a slice of cheese, a loaf of bread and a square of chocolate.

Next he walked, and he walked and he walked till he came to a bridge. There he met a cat—a lean cat, a mean cat.

'I'm hungry,' said the cat. 'What have you got in your bag?'

The missing verb detective

The verbs are missing in the poem below.

Can you think of a suitable verb to fit?

If I were a lizard
I'd _____ around all day
and _____ out my tongue
in a very naughty way.
And mother couldn't _____ me
it's a wicked thing to _____.
since she would be a lizard
and she would _____ it too.

If I were a cricket
I'd _____ around all day
and _____ my teeth quite often
in a _____ sort of way
And my mother couldn't _____ me
it's a wicked thing to _____.
Since she would be a cricket
and she would _____ it too.

If I were a rat bat
then I would _____ all day
and _____ the livelong night
in a most upsetting way.
And my mother couldn't _____ me
it's a wicked thing to _____.
since she would be a rat bat
and she would _____ it too.

If I were an earth worm
I'd _____ in the dirt all day
and _____ my feet behind me
in a _____ sort of way
And my mother couldn't _____ me
it's a wicked thing to _____.
Since she would be an earthworm
And she would _____ it too.

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If I were a lizard
I'd lie around all day
and stick out my tongue
in a very naughty way.
And mother couldn't tell me
it's a wicked thing to do
since she would be a lizard
and she would do it too.

If I were a cricket
I'd hop around all day
and suck my teeth quite often
in a chirping sort of way
And my mother couldn't tell me
it's a wicked thing to do
Since she would be a cricket
and she would do it too.

If I were a rat bat
then I would sleep all day
and stay awake the livelong night
in a most upsetting way.
And my mother couldn't tell me
it's a wicked thing to do
since she would be a rat bat
and she would do it too.

If I were an earth worm
I'd play in the dirt all day
and drag my feet behind me
in a lazy sort of way
And my mother couldn't tell me
it's a wicked thing to do
Since she would be an earthworm
And she would do it too.