

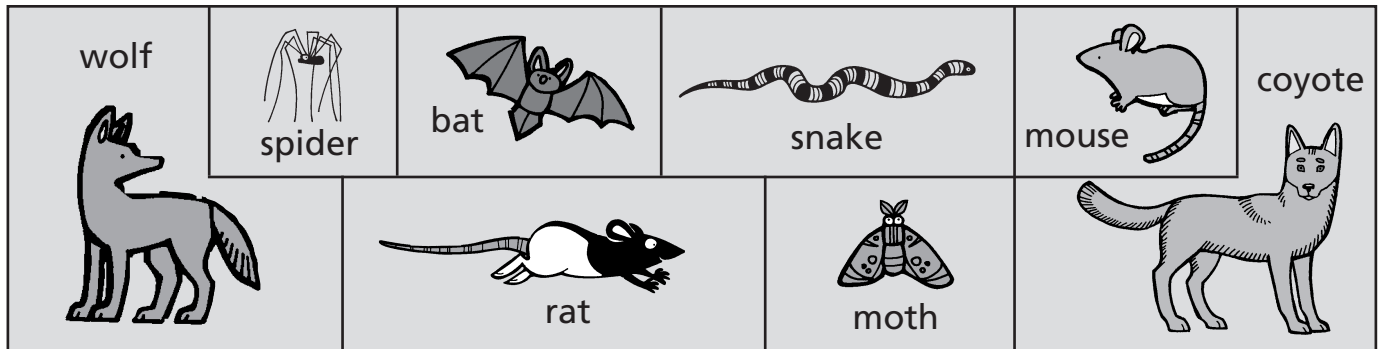
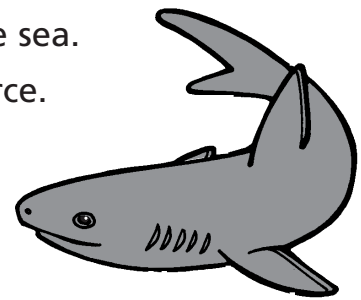
# The Power of the Pen

Author Janell Cannon knows the power of the pen. From cockroaches to hyenas, she writes about animals people often don't like. Her books give us a new point of view.

Now it's your turn. Write a poem that gets readers to appreciate animals.

Here's the trick: It must be about an animal people don't usually like. Now, for the other challenge: Make your poem an *acrostic*. When you read the first letter of each line, it spells the animal's name. (See our example.) Pick an animal from this page as the subject of your acrostic.

**S**ensing, searching, swimming—sleek creature of the sea.  
**H**unter—sometimes hunted. Gentle—sometimes fierce.  
**A**lways on the move.  
**R**espect the role he plays. He is. . .  
**K**ing of the deep.



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