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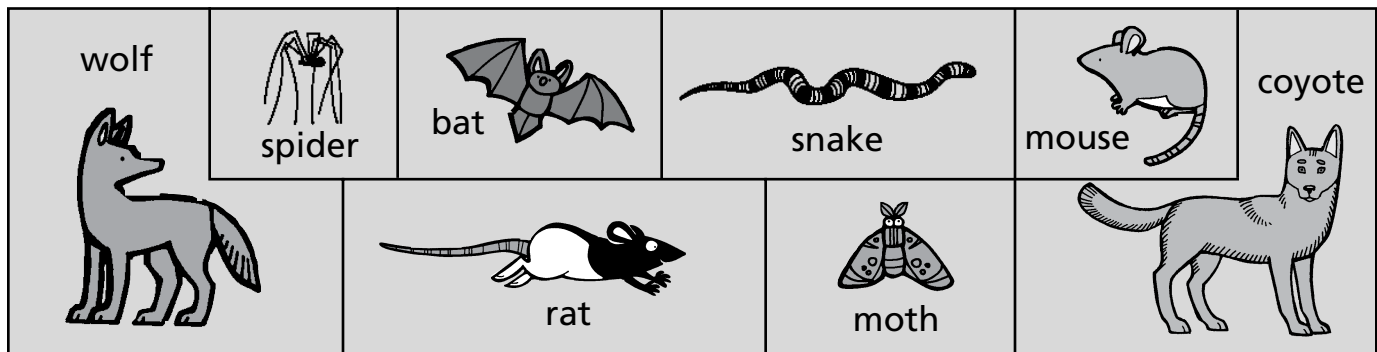
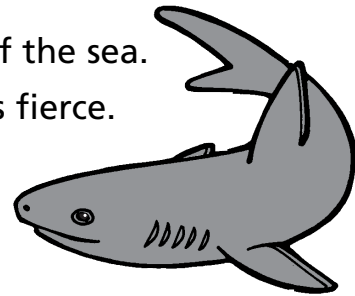
"A" Is for "Animals"

Some are silly. Some are serious. Some rhyme, and most have rhythm. Many are even words to famous songs. We're talking about poems, of course!

A good poem, like any good writing, has power. It can make people laugh, cry, or think about something in a whole new way.

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.

Sensing, searching, swimming—sleek creature of the sea.
Hunter—sometimes hunted. Gentle—sometimes fierce.
Always on the move.
Respect the role he plays. He is. . .
King of the deep.



Now that you have the hang of acrostics, try your hand at another kind of writing. Write a different type of poem about the same animal.