

# The Hopeful Hamster

## First Read This

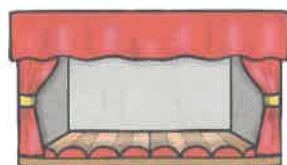
Take a look at this poem. Think about what happens and what is described.

Tucked away inside his house, the little hamster snores,  
 He dreams about his hamster friends and his hamster chores —  
 "I must dig among the sawdust, run inside my wheel,  
 Rearrange my cosy bed, then find a tasty meal."  
 When he wakes and sees someone near his tidy hamster cage,  
 He does his best to impress them, like an actor on a stage.  
 Paws against the wire bars, nose sniffing in the air,  
 To every person passing by, he gives a loving stare.  
 He waits inside the pet shop, as patient as can be,  
 Hoping one day someone says, "I'll take you home with me!"



## Now Try These

1. Circle the things that the hamster dreams about.



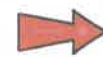
2. Which word in the poem rhymes with "stare"?

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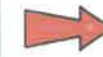
3. Copy a word from the poem that means the same as the word in each box.

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4. Tick the word that best describes the hamster.

busy

naughty

smelly



5. Why do you think the hamster wants to impress people?

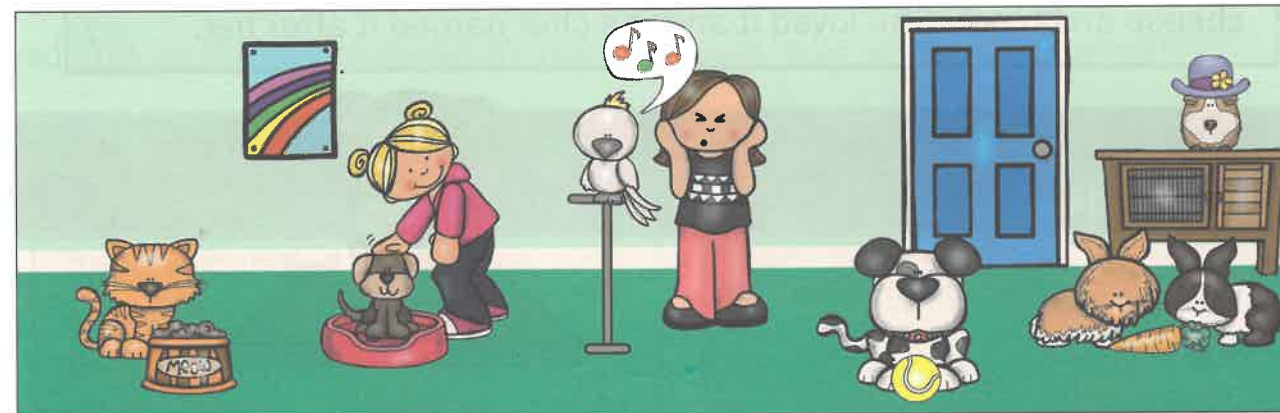
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## An Extra Challenge

The poem below is about the pet shop in the picture, but some of the details are wrong. Can you change the poem so that it describes the picture? The lines that are the same colour should rhyme.



The little, white puppy is in her bed,  
 Amy gives her a pat on the back.  
 Two rabbits nibble a tasty peach,  
 They are much quieter than the parrot.

The spotty food bowl is for the cat,  
 The guinea pig is wearing a hat.  
 There's a rainbow poster on the wall,  
 The biggest dog has a yellow collar.

Do you think these questions went wheel-y well? Tick a box.





