

KS4 ANIMAL POETRY

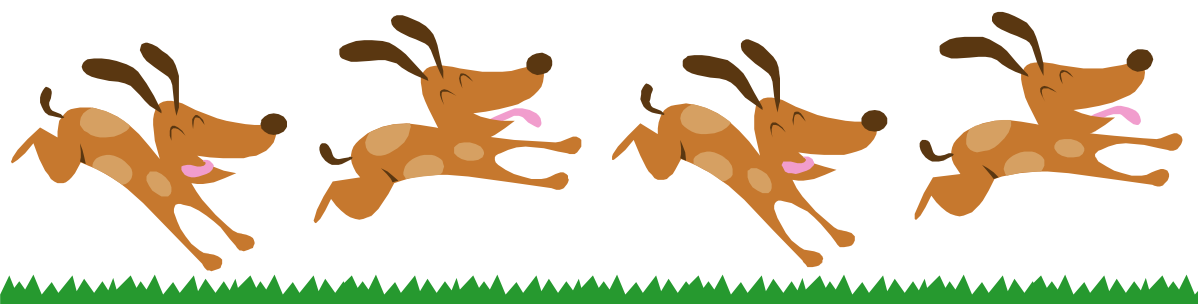
Choose one (or more) of the poems about animals.

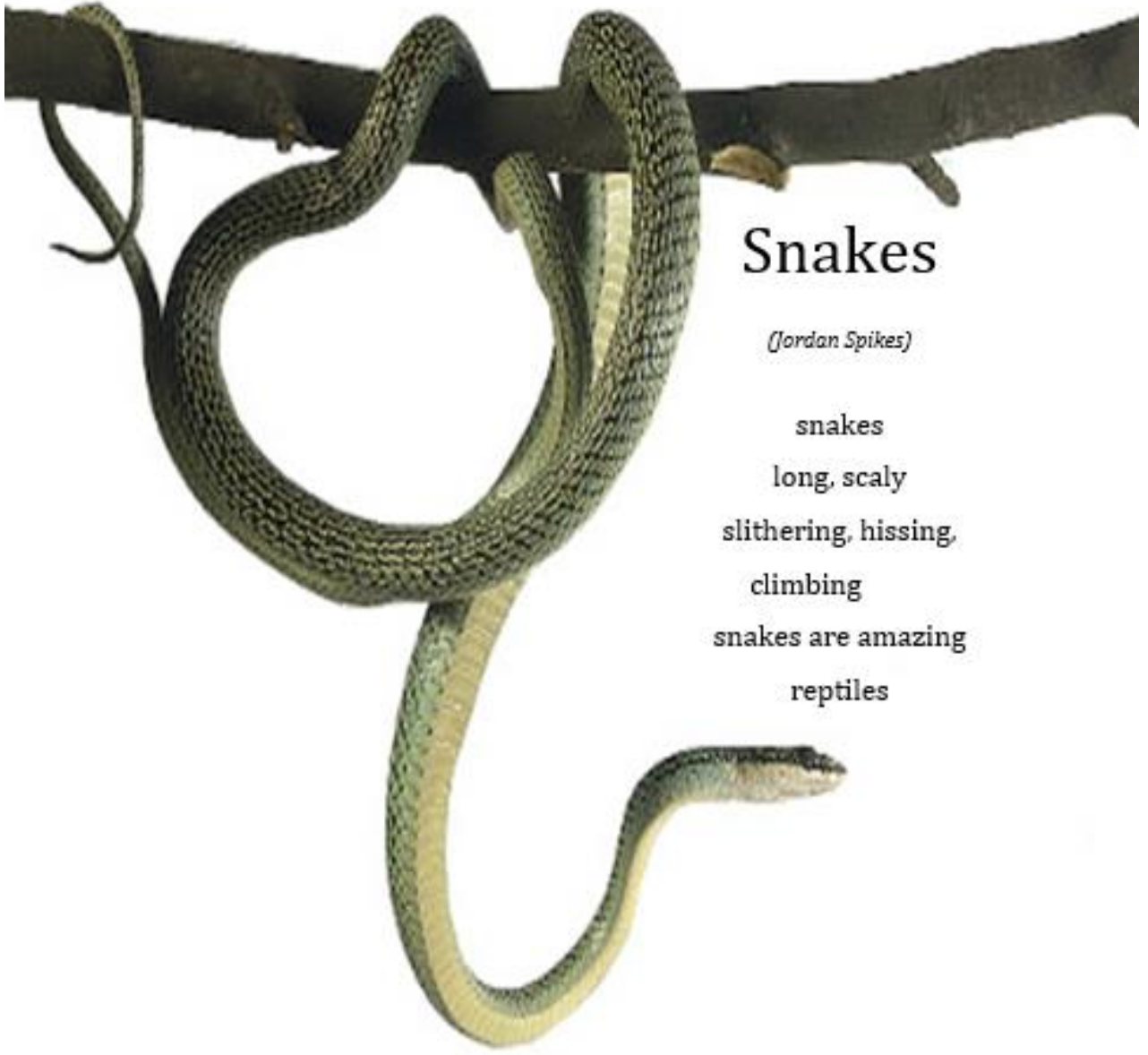
Read it, rehearse and perform for your family. Think about how you want each word and line to sound, you might want to try to think about how the animal move and sounds to help you.

The Dog

(Ogden Nash)

The truth I do not stretch or shove
When I state that the dog is full of love.
I've also found, by actual test,
A wet dog is the lovingest





Snakes

(Jordan Spikes)

snakes

long, scaly

slithering, hissing,

climbing

snakes are amazing

reptiles

Lions

(Joshua Morton)

Lions are as orange as the morning sun

They are as brave as men at war

Lions are as fast as cars at top speed

I think the lion in my heart helps me stand my
ground

The roar of lions is as loud as thunder hitting rock

Statues of lions stand guard at castle doors

Lions are kings of the countryside.



Bear In There

(Shel Silverstein)

There's a Polar Bear
In our Frigidaire--
He likes it 'cause it's cold in there.
With his seat in the meat
And his face in the fish
And his big hairy paws
In the buttery dish,
He's nibbling the noodles,
He's munching the rice,
He's slurping the soda,
He's licking the ice.
And he lets out a roar
If you open the door.
And it gives me a scare
To know he's in there--
That Polary Bear
In our Fridgitydaire



The Centipede

(Ogden Nash)

I objurgate the centipede,

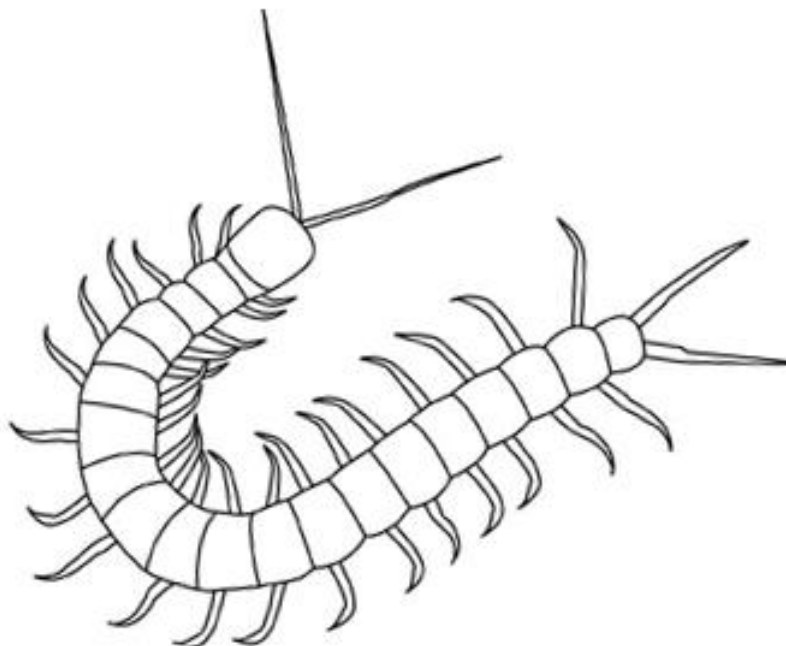
A bug we do not really need.

At sleepy-time he beats a path

Straight to the bedroom or the bath.

You always wallop where he's not,

Or, if he is, he makes a spot.



Spider Webs

(Amy Goldman Kass)

The spider weaves a sticky web
To capture bugs to eat.
What keeps the spider's sticky web
From sticking to her feet?

Spider webs are very tricky
Because not all the strands are sticky.
Unlike the passing hapless fly,
The spider knows which strands are dry.

But if she accidentally stands
Upon one of the sticky strands,
She still would not get stuck, you see--
Her oily body slides off free.

