

# The Squirrel (Poem)

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You may have seen a squirrel sitting on the ground eating a nut. What did it look like?

## Answer

The squirrel is a rodent. His colour is grey with brown strips on its body. It looks like a baby rabbit as it is very small in size with fur on its body. He generally lives in trees and is very quick. Squirrel likes to eat nuts. It has very bushy tail. It is a cute and naughty animal.

## Working with the Poem

1. Why does the poet say the squirrel "wore a question mark for tail"? Draw a squirrel, or find a picture of a squirrel sitting on the ground. How would you describe its tail?

## Answer



The poet said the squirrel "wore a question mark for tail" because the shape of the tail of squirrel sitting on the ground looks very similar to question mark.

I would describe it as fur of clothes clutched together or bushy shaped.

2. Do we usually say that an animal 'wears' a tail? What do we say? (Think: Does an animal wear a coat? Consult a dictionary if you like, and find out how 'wear' is used in different ways.)

**Answer**

No, we do not usually say that an animal 'wears' a tail. We usually say that animal 'has' a tail.

3. "He liked to tease and play". Who is teasing whom? How?

**Answer**

The squirrel is teasing the poet and his friends. When poet and his friends ran around the tree on which the squirrel is sitting, it went the other way teasing and playing with them

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