

# My Friend Horace

Under the light of a bright, white moon  
and the light of a thousand stars  
Stands Horace my monster and friend.

He growls like a lion and has paws like a bear,  
Flies like an eagle and has spiky hair.  
Walks like a crocodile and swims like a shark,  
Has teeth like a python and can see in the dark.  
Has a tail like a dragon and wings like a bat,  
Has a snout like a wart hog and claws like a cat.  
And just like a rhino his head has a horn.  
Yes, Horace looks different - it's the way he was born!  
Horace is not nasty, not grumpy or cruel,  
He is gentle and loving and ever so cool.

So never think Horace needs a cage or a zoo.  
When you see him say 'Hi' and  
he'll be your friend too!



Date:

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- 1) What is the title of the poem?
- 2) How many verses are there in the poem? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Who is Horace? What is Horace?

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- 4) What adjectives would you use to describe Horace?

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- 5) Which word in the last line that means 'Hello'. \_\_\_\_\_

- 6) What do we call the feet of a bear? What is the nose of a pig called?

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- 7) Do you think Horace's growl is:

- a) deep and loud                      b) quiet and soft

- 8) Why might people want to put Horace in a cage or zoo?

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- 9) Is Horace ugly? Would the poet agree with you?

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- 10) Do you think Horace is a strong or weak, fast or slow swimmer?

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- 11) Do you think Horace can fly well? Can he fly fast? Can he fly far?

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- 12) Look at Verse 2! Write down the 3 positive words and the 3 negative words.


13) What do you think the poet is trying to teach us?

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**YOUR TURN:** Write your own poem describing a monster made up of all different animals.

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