



- What's the matter with you, Giraffe?  
I've got a sore throat. It hurts when I laugh.  
The doctor told me to sip some warm tea  
And wear a scarf – I think I'll need three.
- 5 What's the matter with you, Grass Snake?  
I've eaten too much. I've got a stomachache.  
The doctor told me to speak to the nurse  
But I gobbled her up and now I feel worse.
- 10 What's the matter with you, Crocodile?  
I've got a toothache. It hurts when I smile.  
The doctor told me to brush twice a day.  
And stay away from the sweet buffet.
- 15 What's the matter with you, Kangaroo?  
I've got a bad cold. I think it's the flu.  
The doctor told me to rest in bed.  
'You shouldn't jump around,' she also said.
- 20 What's the matter with you, Black Sheep?  
I've got a headache and I can't sleep.  
The doctor told me to take a pill for my head  
And try to relax before going to bed.
- If we feel ill, we should take the doc's advice.  
Do what she says, don't wait or think twice.  
Follow her instructions exactly to the letter  
And very soon you will feel much better.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Read the poem again. Who says these things? Write the names in the boxes.

1	I've got a runny nose and fever. I can't stop coughing.	
2	It's this big tooth at the front. It really hurts.	
3	When I eat or drink something, my throat hurts.	
4	I just lie in bed until the sun rises.	
5	I ate six mice, five birds and a watermelon yesterday.	

**C** Write short answers.

- Who shouldn't eat sugary food?  
Underline the sentence that tells you this. \_\_\_\_\_
- Find a word in the poem which means  
'to drink a small amount'. \_\_\_\_\_
- Read line 4. Why does Giraffe need three scarves?  
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**D** Blacken ● the circles.

- Read the last verse. The writer thinks the animals \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ A. are all very ill  
☐ B. will get better if they do what the doctor told them  
☐ C. should write a letter to thank the doctor  
☐ D. should ask the doctor to give them a letter
- Read line 8. Why does Grass Snake feel worse?  
☐ A. The doctor told it some bad news.    ☐ B. The nurse told it some bad news.  
☐ C. It has got a stomachache.    ☐ D. It ate the nurse after eating too much food.
- ☆ Which is the best title for this poem?  
☐ A. What's the matter with you, Giraffe?  
☐ C. At the animal medical centre  
☐ B. Some good advice  
☐ D. Don't jump, Kangaroo!



The title should be about the whole poem.