

## (29) TALKING TURKEYS - ACTIVITIES

1. In your own words, summarise the meaning of these lines:

Dey all hav a right to a life,  
Not to be caged up an genetically made up

2. What is the rhyming pattern of verse 3?

a. **ABABCDC**      b. **AABBCCD**      c. **ABCABCD**      d. **ABCBDDE**

Turkeys just wanna play reggae  
Turkeys just wanna hip-hop  
Can yu imagine a nice young turkey saying,  
'I cannot wait for de chop',  
Turkeys like getting presents, dey wanna watch christmas TV,  
Turkeys hav brains an turkeys feel pain  
In many ways like yu an me.

3. What do you notice about the way Benjamin has spelt some words? Why do you think he chose to do this?
4. In these lines the turkey talks to Benjamin. This is an example of:
- a. **metaphor**: a comparison between two unlike things
  - b. **simile**: a way of making a comparison
  - c. **alliteration**: the noticeable repetition of the same first consonant sound in close syllables within a group of words
  - d. **personification**: a poetic device in which an animal, idea, or thing is given human characteristics.
5. Why do you think Benjamin chose to use this technique?
6. How does Benjamin feel about Christmas? How can you tell?
7. Has this poem changed the way you feel about eating turkeys? Explain your answer.