

## MY FISH CAN RIDE A BICYCLE

My fish can ride a bicycle, 1  
my fish can climb a tree, 2  
my fish enjoys a glass of milk, 3  
my fish takes naps with me. 4

My fish can play the clarinet, 5  
my fish can bounce a ball, 6  
my fish is not like other fish, 7  
my fish can't swim at all. 8



1. Which lines rhyme?  
a. lines 1 and 2      b. lines 2 and 3      c. lines 1 and 3      d. lines 2 and 4
2. Based on the poem, what will the fish most likely do next?  
a. compete in a swim meet.      b. learn a new instrument  
c. eat a lot of fish food      d. find other fish to spend time with

## Pet Shopping

While shopping at the pet store  
I got my fondest wish.  
I bought myself a fish bowl  
and then a pair of fish.

And since I was already  
out shopping at the store  
I thought I ought to purchase  
another smidgen more.

And so I got a rabbit,  
a hamster and a frog,  
a gerbil and a turtle,  
a parrot and a dog.

I purchased an iguana,

a tortoise and a  
rat,  
an eight-foot  
anaconda,  
a monkey and a cat.

A guinea pig, a gecko,  
a ferret and a mouse,  
and had them all delivered,  
directly to my house.

My sister went berzerko!  
She's now crazily installing locks,  
because I said her bedroom  
would be their litter box!

--Kenn Nesbit



3. What do you think **berzerko** means? How did you know?
4. Why does the author's sister want to keep her brother out of her room?
5. How would you describe the relationship between the author and his sister?