

IF I MET A SNAKE

This poem plays with words. Read the first two lines to see how it works. Then, using the word list provided, fill in the blanks. (There are extra words you might not need.) When you've finished, explain why you chose those particular words.

If I Met a Snake

If I met a slithering snake, I would recoil in horror.

If the potatoes were overdone, I'd surely boil with rage.

If the lemonade was flat, I'd quietly fizz with anger.

If I met my favourite film star, I'd hope to act my age.

If I had a cuddly piglet, I'd easily squeal with delight.

If I lost my old dog, Henry, I'd bark up the wrong tree.

If a tiger told a silly joke, I might roar with laughter.

If I felt the Earth rumble, I would quake nervously.

If I missed the ball at cricket, I'd catch the nearest bus.

If our rugby team was losing, I'd try to hide my fears.

If I dropped my auntie's china, I'd break into a sweat.

If I saw my bungalow fall down, I'd collapse into tears.

If I were a terrible goalkeeper, I'd save my energy.

If I couldn't join the orchestra, I'd surely play the fool.

If your nose dribbles in my direction, I would run a mile.

If an Olympic athlete visited, I'd jump for joy at school.

quake

roar

jump

shout

fizz

break

squeal

slide

catch

bark

act

save

play

dive

try

run

collapse

This is why I chose those words:
