

Thursday 28th January

L.O: To write a poem

Task 1

Read *Snake Hotel*. Can you read it twice? Once in your head and once out loud.

Afterwards, listen to the poem being read by Brian Moses:

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/the-sssnake-hotel/>

Answer the questions once you have finished reading.

Snake Hotel

An Indian python will welcome you
to the Ssssnake hotel.
As he finds your keys he'll maybe enquire
if you're feeling well.
And he'll say that he hopes you survive the night,
that you sleep without screaming
and don't die of fright
at the Ssssnake hotel.

There's an anaconda that likes to wander
the corridors at night,
and a boa that will lower itself onto guests
as they search for the light.
And if, by chance, you lie awake
and nearby something hisses,
I warn you now, you're about to be covered
with tiny viper kisses,
at the Ssssnake hotel.

And should you hear a chorus of groans
coming from the room next door,
and the python cracking someone's bones,
please don't go out and explore.
Just ignore all the screams
and the strangled yells
when you spend a weekend
at the Ssssnake hotel.

Who welcomes you to the Snake Hotel? What does he give you?

An _____
welcomes you to the hotel.
He gives you the _____.

Why might you lie awake in the snake hotel?

You might lie awake in the snake hotel because ...

Why do you think you shouldn't go out and explore?

I think you shouldn't go out and explore because...

Task 2

Can you write a poem about a different animal hotel?

This time it's a tarantula - scary! Can you complete the poem?

Remember to use exciting and adventurous vocabulary.

You can show off your handwriting afterwards by writing it up neatly.

Tarantula Tower block

A _____ will welcome you
to the _____ tower block.
As he finds your _____ he'll maybe ask
if you're feeling _____.
And he'll say that he hopes you _____
that you sleep without _____
and don't
at the Tarantula Tower Block.

There's a _____ that likes to _____
the corridors at night,
and a _____ that will lower itself onto guests
as they _____.
And if, by chance, you lie awake
and nearby something _____,
I warn you now, you're about to be _____
with _____
at the Tarantula Tower Block.

And should you hear a _____
coming from the room next door,
and the tarantula _____,
please don't go out and explore.
Just ignore all the _____
and the _____
when you spend a _____
at the Tarantula Tower Block.

Support: Use some of the vocabulary to help you.

terrified	poisonous	hairy	creepy	hunter
giant	deadly	venomous	eight-legged	black

Challenge: You can choose a different animal hotel and write a poem about it.

Top tip - Write down as many words as you can think of for your animal before you start writing your poem.