

THE SQUIRREL

[Working with the Poem]

Question 1. Why does the poet say the squirrel “wore a question mark for tail”? Draw a squirrel, or find a picture of a squirrel sitting on the ground. How would you describe its tail?

Answer: The tail of the squirrel curled at the end which looks like a question mark.

Question 2. Do we usually say that an animal ‘wears’ a tail? What do we say? (Think: Does an animal wear a coat? Consult a dictionary if you like, and find out how ‘wear’ is used in different ways.)

Answer: No, we can’t say that an animal ‘wears’ a tail. We can say that the animal ‘has’ a tail. In dictionary, the word ‘wear’ is used to mean something that is used to cover. For example, we wear clothes.

Question 3. “He liked to tease and play”. Who is teasing whom? How?

Answer: The poet is teasing the squirrel. The poet will approach the squirrel and as soon as he nears the squirrel, it runs away in a different direction.