

Ed's Reading Room

Marge and the Great Train Rescue

by Isla Fisher

Ed's Poetry

At the beginning of the story *Marge and the Zany Zoo Day*, Marge sang a funny song that gave Jemima and Jakey the giggles. Write another verse or two about the zoo to follow Marge's verse, using the same rhythm and rhyming scheme.

There's no place like the zoo

There's no place like the zoo,
You can ride on a kangaroo,
You can feed a crocodile too,
Just don't step in animal-poo.

When you have finished your poem you could read it to a friend or learn and recite it.

Ed would enjoy reading your poem. You could email your poem to him.

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A **chameleon** is a type of lizard that has the ability to change colour to match its surroundings so it cannot be seen easily.

At the end of this book, Marge puts a chameleon on top of her head and, as Marge's hair is multi-coloured, the chameleon turns all the colours of the rainbow!

Do you know the colours of the rainbow? If you find it hard to remember the order of the colours, there is a phrase that helps you remember it. This is called a **mnemonic**. When you say this word, the first letter 'm' is silent. The first letter of each word is the clue to the colours.

Write this **mnemonic** in the boxes below using the correct colours. Ed has written the first word for you.

Richard	of	York	gained	battles	in	vain
Richard						

Draw one of the animals or birds Marge, Jemima and Jakey saw at the zoo then colour it in as many bright **colours** as you would like.

