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Opossums

by Liana Mahoney



On your back, three joeys ride.

Pink-nosed babies blink, wide-eyed.

Or



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Solitary, yet not alone

Until your babes have fully grown.

Meals of berries, snails galore –

Shared by moonlight, family of four.

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1. Line 1 of the poem reads:
On your back, three joeys ride.
Define joey.
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2. What is this poem mostly about?
- a. an opossum hunting for food
 - b. baby opossums growing up
 - c. a mother opossum taking care of her babies
 - d. op

3. Explai



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4. Which two lines of the poem show that opossums are active at night?
(Copy the words in the two lines.)
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Challenge: This type of poem is called an acrostic poem. The first letter of each line spells out the word opossum. Write an acrostic poem about your favorite animal.

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On your back, three joeys ride.
Define joey.

A joey is a young opossum.

2. What is this poem mostly about?
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 - c. **a mother opossum taking care of her babies**
 - d. op

3. Explain



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Opossums are usually solitary animals who live on their own, but mothers will carry their babies until they are old enough to leave her.

4. Which two lines of the poem show that opossums are active at night?
(Copy the words in the two lines.)

Line 4: Sends you stalking through the night.

Line 8: Shared by moonlight, family of four.

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