

The City Farm by Brian Moses

We saw goats and ducks and chickens
on our school trip to the city farm.
"Watch out for the goose – he goes for
your knees!" we turned round in alarm.

But the goose must have been really tired
and although he opened one eye
to gaze long and hard at all of us,
he decided to let us slip by.

We watched the cows being milked
and a goat took food from our hands.
We spread seed around for the chickens
and bottle-fed baby lambs.

We stared at a huge mother sow
with ten piglets all running about,
then tried to sneak back past the goose
but he honked and chased us all out.



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1 Look at the first verse.

Find and copy two animals the children saw at the city farm.

1b

1 mark

2 What reason is given for the goose letting the children slip by?

1b

1 mark

3 Look at the second verse.

What does the word “gaze” mean?

Choose **one**.

hiss

honk

peck

stare

1a

1 mark

4 **Find and copy two** animals the children fed.

1b

1 mark

5 Choose which of the following facts are **true** and which are **false**.

The goose sometimes attacks people’s knees.	
The goose attacked the children as they went into the farm.	
The children fed the goose.	
The goose chased the children away from the farm.	

1b

2 marks

6 Which animal do you think the children will remember best?

Explain why, using ideas from the poem.

1e

1 mark