

## The Snake

Slick and silent,  
near my toe,  
through the leaves,  
I see it go.  
Over sticks  
I watch it glide,  
looking for a place to hide.  
Slow and sliding,  
does it know,  
I'm scared of how it  
slithers so?  
Sly and sleek,  
it slips away.  
I'm glad it passed me by  
today!

—Janet Lawler



## Questions

**Alliteration**- Using words that begin with the same sound close together or next to each other. **Example**: Sweet birds sang softly in the sun.

1. After reading the definition of alliteration, locate three examples of alliteration in the poem, "The Snake."
2. This poem also uses rhyming words. Locate four pairs of rhyming words that are being used in the poem.

**An adjective is a word that describes a noun. A snake is a noun. In this poem, it uses adjectives to describe the snake.**

3. Write three adjectives to describe a snake. Do not use adjectives that were already used in the poem.
4. If someone gave you a snake to keep in your home as a pet, how would you feel about it? Why? Where would you keep the new pet? Why? How would you interact differently with a snake than you would with a cat or dog? Why?

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