



Zookeeper for a Day

SESTINA PRACTICE

Easy
Level

Instructions for Poets:

Complete this sestina by filling in the missing lines. Be sure each line ends with the word from the previous line.



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Theme: A Day at the Zoo — Six End Words: zoo, hat, roar, run, snack, fun



Word 1: zoo

Word 2: hat

Word 3: roar

Word 4: run

Word 5: snack

Word 6: fun

Instructions: This fun sestina has six stanzas and a final envoi. One line is missing from each stanza. Your challenge is to write in a new line that ends with the correct end word and fits the story!

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Today I took a trip to the zoo.

I wore my brightest jungle hat.

The lions gave a giant roar—

so loud it made the cheetahs run!

We stopped to have a yummy snack

[Your turn to write a line ending in 'fun']

We fed the monkeys — oh, what fun!

They danced around the whole wide zoo.

I dropped a raisin near my snack...

It bounced and landed in my hat!

[Your turn to write a line ending in 'roar']

One hippo gave a joyful roar.

The parrots sang with a wild roar,

Their colors flashing bright with fun.

A peacock started on a run,

marching proudly through the zoo.

[Your turn to write a line ending in 'hat']

I waved at birds from under my hat.

The sun was hot beneath my hat,

but I still smiled at each roar.

[Your turn to write a line ending in 'snack']

We danced like zebras just for fun.

A giraffe peeked around the zoo

to see me finish up my snack.



I shared a bite of panda snack—
he gave a bow and tipped my hat!
Then the giraffes started to run,
and the elephants let out a roar.
The penguins slipped in lines of fun,
[Your turn to write a line ending in 'zoo']

At closing time, they shut the zoo.
I saved one cracker for a snack.
I whispered, “Thanks for all the fun,”
and placed my sticker on my hat.
[Your turn to write a line ending in 'run']
Then waved goodbye with one last roar!

I loved my time inside the zoo—
the hat, the snack, the final roar—
and every moment filled with fun!



Zookeeper Poet! Badge



Cut out your badge and wear it with pride! You earned this for writing a sestina full of imagination and fun.

You can:

- Tape it to your shirt or journal
- Glue it to your poetry folder
- Hang it on the wall of fame!

