



## THE SQUIRREL

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### NCERT EXERCISE SOLUTIONS

#### WORKING WITH THE POEM (NCERT PAGE 17)

##### Question 1:

Why does the poet say the squirrel “wore a question mark for tail”? Draw a squirrel, or find a picture of a squirrel sitting on the ground. How would you describe its tail?

##### Answer:

The poet said that the squirrel “wore a question mark for a tail” because its tail is curved in the shape of a question mark.

Part 2 and 3 of the question should be done by students themselves.

##### Question 2:

Do we usually say that an animal ‘wears’ a tail? What do we say? (Think: Does an animal wear a coat? Consult a dictionary if you like and find out how ‘wear’ is used in different ways.)

##### Answer:

Yes, we often use the word ‘wears’ to describe the physical features of an animal in poems. Otherwise, we generally do not use the word to describe anyone.

We use the word ‘wear’ in various senses as given below:

- to have something on one’s body
- damaged due to use
- to show a facial expression
- to show how the hair is styled

**Question 3:**

“He liked to tease and play”. Who is teasing whom? How?

**Answer:**

The squirrel liked to tease and play with people. Whenever people go a little close to the squirrel, he would run away in the other direction.

