



Don't Get Too Close!

- 7 Don't be fooled by my toothy grin.
11 Don't get too close.
15 Don't be drawn in!
20 I'm a predator, you see.
25 I like to eat meat.
33 Maybe YOU could be my next tasty treat!
42 Don't go for a swim in my favourite pool.
50 Please don't do that. Don't be a fool.
58 I can glide through water, steady and slow
65 with most of my body hidden below.
74 You will not hear me or see my snout
82 as only my eyes and nostrils peep out.
89 My muscular tail swishes left and right.
98 It propels me along in the dead of night.
107 When I get close, it's too late to hide.
114 That is when my jaws open wide...
115 SNAP!

Questions



1. Maybe **YOU** could be my next tasty treat!
Why is 'YOU' written in capital letters?



2. Which parts of the animal's body are **not** below the water when it swims? Tick **two**.

- ☐ eyes
☐ tail
☐ nostrils



3. What happens at the end of this poem?



4. What sort of animal do you think this poem is about? Explain your answer.



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Answers



1. **Maybe YOU could be my next tasty treat!**
Why is 'YOU' written in capital letters?
'YOU' is written in capital letters to show that it needs to be read loudly.



2. Which parts of the animal's body are **not** below the water when it swims? Tick **two**.
- ☒ **eyes**
 - ☐ tail
 - ☒ **nostrils**



3. What happens at the end of this poem?
The animal's jaws open wide and then snap shut at the end of this poem.



4. What sort of animal do you think this poem is about? Explain your answer.
Pupil's own responses, such as: I think this poem is about a crocodile because it is a predator that can swim well and has a toothy grin and wide jaws.