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# If a Horse Were Hoarse

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If a horse were hoarse  
and she couldn't neigh,  
what would a,  
what would a



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So how would she feel,  
this horse who's hoarse  
like a goat with a frog  
in her throat?  
Of course...

She'd be mad,  
she'd be mad,  
she'd be mad, and how!  
She'd be having,  
she'd be having,  
she'd be having a cow.

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1. How many different kinds of animals are mentioned in the poem? \_\_\_\_\_  
List them all below.

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4. Line 11 says:  
*with a frog in her throat.*
- What does this expression mean?
- a. to have swallowed a frog
  - b. to talk angrily
  - c. to talk differently than normal because of a dry or hoarse throat
  - d. to have a high-pitched voice
4. The last three lines of the poem start with the same three words. The poet does this throughout the poem. In poetry, this is known as
- a. metaphor
  - b. repetition
  - c. rhyming
  - d. stanza

## ANSWER KEY

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