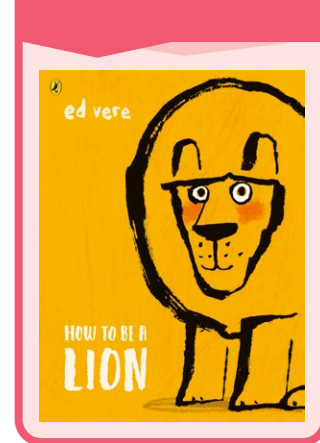


How to Be a Lion



Some say, there's only **one** way to be a lion.

They say . . .

Lions are FIERCE! If they catch you they will chomp you. **Crunch, crunch, CHOMP!**

They say a lion can't be gentle.

Well, *they* haven't met Leonard.

Leonard loves to walk by himself, feeling the sun warm his back and the grass under his paws.

Some days Leonard walks to his thinking hill.

Sometimes he thinks important thoughts... Sometimes he daydreams.

Somewhere in between, he hums quietly and plays with words. Putting them together this way, then that way – making them into poems.

Some say, **WAIT!**

Lions are **not** gentle!

Lions do **not** write poems!

And if a lion met a duck...

Bad luck for that duck.

Crunch, crunch, CHOMP!

But if Leonard met a duck...

What do **you** think would happen?



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How to Be a Lion Quick Questions



1. Write down **two** things that Leonard likes to do.



2. Why do you think that some people say a lion can't be gentle?



3. What word tells us that some people think lions are dangerous?



4. What do you think Leonard will do with the duck?

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How to Be a Lion Answers



1. Write down **two** things that Leonard likes to do.

Accept two of the following: walk by himself/feel the sun on his back/feel the grass under his paws/walk to his thinking hill/think important thoughts/daydream/hum quietly/play with words/write poems.



2. Why do you think that some people say a lion can't be gentle?

Accept any sensible answer, such as: I think that some people say a lion can't be gentle because they chase animals and eat them.



3. What word tells us that some people think lions are dangerous?
fierce



4. What do you think Leonard will do with the duck?

Accept any sensible answer, such as: I think that Leonard will make friends with the duck.