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What to Feed a Dragon

by Kimber Krochmal

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He followed me from a dream.
But I can't tell my mom,
It would only make her scream.



I tried to feed him fried rice,
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So I tried to feed him applesauce,
But he said it made his eyes cross.

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But he said it only hurt his head.



So I tried to feed him peanut butter,
But it got stuck and made him stutter.

I tried to feed him watermelon pie,
But that, he said, he wouldn't try.

So I tried to feed him sprinkle cake,
But he said that would keep him awake.

I tried to feed him last night's dessert,
But he said it made his stomach hurt.

So I tried to feed him some fish,
But he really didn't like that dish.

Then I tried to feed him cheese,
That's when he said "more please."



Now my mom is wondering why,
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I heard her last night telling Dad,
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3. What type of poem is this?

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Now try this: Read the poem aloud to a friend, parent, or teacher. practice reading with expression.

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Vocabulary



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2.

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e	p	s

Clue: polite word to use when you ask for something

3.

t	t	t	r
u	e	s	

Clue: to have trouble speaking

4.

c	o	t	h
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5.

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r	e	

Clue: something your brain does while you sleep

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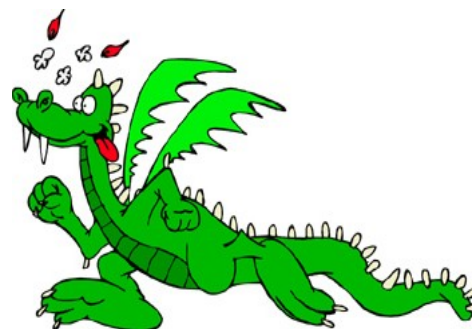
by _____
(Your Name)

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(special person)

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(Tell what the dragon did when it ate this food.)

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(special person; same as line 3)

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(food that the dragon likes)

I heard _____ last night telling _____,
(him or her) (another special person)

_____ thinks _____.
(He or she) (Why your special person thinks the food is disappearing)

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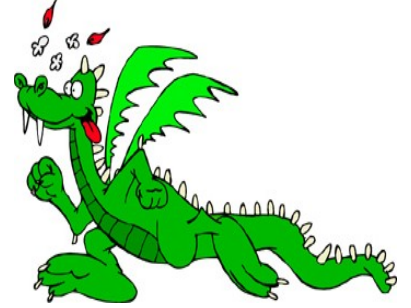
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