- Listen to or read the story: [Dear Zoo](#) by Rod Campbell.

- Afterwards, ask your child/ren to think about:

  o What animal they would like the zoo to send them?

  o Why would they send it back?

    Use the story for language prompts to get your child/ren to use adjectives to describe animals.

- Ask your child/ren to draw and/or write the name of the animal in the space below

- Ask your child/ren to write the reason for sending the animal back on the line.

- Encourage your child/ren to have a go at writing the words themselves, using their own 'approximate spelling' and encourage proper letter formation.

I wrote to the zoo to send me a pet.

So they sent me a _____.

He was too _____!

So, I sent him back!