

Please Do Not Feed The Animals

Please do not feed the ostriches
sandwiches
or the polar bears
éclairs.

Do not offer the wombats
kumquats
or the rattle-snakes
fruit-cakes.

Remember that piranhas
are not allowed bananas
or partridges
sausages.

Never approach a stork
with things on a fork
or the bustard

with a plate of custard

No leopard
likes anything peppered
and meerkats
dislike Kit Kats.

Remember that grapes
upset apes
and meringues
do the same for orang-utans.

Most importantly—
do not feed the cheetah
your teacher.

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