



## STARVING

Read the poem *I'm Starving* then complete the activity that follows. Don't forget to upload THE COMPLETED ACTIVITY BELOW for a 30-minute stamp in your Passport.

Better still. Record yourself reading it aloud. 😊

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### *I'm Starving* by Alys Jackson

Take away all of those long beans.  
Throw away broccoli, too.  
Toss out that basket of lean greens,  
and ditto for anything blue.



Turnips and tatties are so, **NOOOO!**  
Not roasted. Not boiled ... NOT FRIED.  
I hate every porridge and gumbo,  
and any food I haven't tried.



Nothing that's fruity or cheesy,  
no salads, no pasta, no rice.  
Stewing and baking displease me,  
and eggy things **REALLY** aren't nice.





Forget about anything meaty,  
or seafood that's come from the sea.



I can't and I won't eat a sweetie,  
nor nuts if they're picked off a tree.



Never present me with curry,  
cornbread, rye, barley or wheat.



But Mother I'd like you to hurry  
I'm starving and ***I WANT TO EAT!***

THE END

What a fussy eater! I hope you're not that fussy. If you are, you won't last long. 🙄

Now, it's **your turn** to have a go at writing a poem. Have a look at the poem below. Some of the food words are missing. Can you add words that are true for you? And don't forget to leave me a comment. I always answer.



# I'm Starving by \_\_\_\_\_

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Throw away \_\_\_\_\_, too.

Toss out that basket of lean greens,  
and ditto for anything blue.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are so, *nooo!*

Not roasted. Not boiled ... NOT FRIED.

I hate every \_\_\_\_\_ and gumbo,  
and any food I haven't tried.

Nothing that's \_\_\_\_\_ or cheesy,  
no \_\_\_\_\_, no \_\_\_\_\_, no rice.  
Stewing and baking displease me,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ things **REALLY** aren't nice.

Forget about anything meaty,  
or \_\_\_\_\_ that's come from the sea.

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nor \_\_\_\_\_ if they're picked off a tree.

Never present me with curry,  
cornbread, \_\_\_\_\_, barley or wheat.

But Mother I'd like you to hurry.

I'm starving and ***I WANT TO EAT!***