

**ONLINE STUDYMATERIAL**

**SUBJECT-ENGLISH**

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**CLASS- III**

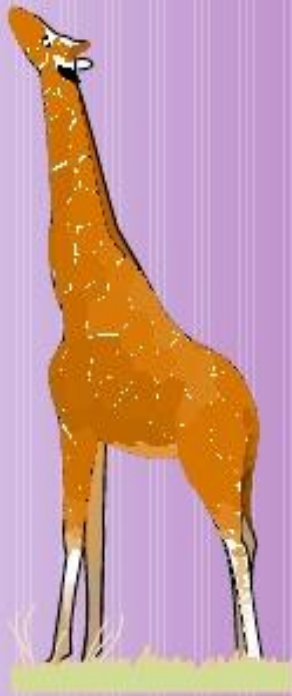
**POEM - GIRAFFES**

**TOPIC: (ENGLISH READER)**

**Giraffe**

**Giraffes**

I like them  
Ask me why.



Because they hold their heads high.  
Because their necks stretch to the sky.  
Because they're quiet, calm, and shy.  
Because they run so fast they fly.  
Because their eyes are velvet brown.  
Because their coats are spotted tan.  
Because they eat the top of trees.  
Because their legs have knobby knees.  
Because  
Because  
Because. That's why  
I like giraffes.

By Mary Ann Hoberman

## ❖ **ABOUT THE POETESS**

### **MARY ANN HOBERMAN**



**Mary Ann Hoberman**, the former Children's Poet Laureate (2008-2011), is the critically acclaimed author of over forty books for children, including the beloved *A House is a House for Me*, winner of a National Book Award. One hundred of her favourite poems are collected in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*.

**Works written:** *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*

**Profession:** Author

**Born:** 12 August 1930 (age 89 years), Stamford, Connecticut, United States

**Education:** Yale University

**Children:** Chuck Hoberman

**Awards:** National Book Award for Children's Books (Picture Books, Paperback)

## ❖ **SUMMARY**

'Giraffes' is a beautiful poem written by Mary Ann Hoberman. The poem is about giraffes and why they are so delightful and charming. The poetess is enchanted by its beauty as they hold their head up to the sky, their long neck that stretch up to the sky. She likes them because giraffes are calm and peaceful animals. They can run very fast. She also likes their dark brown eyes, spots on its body, knobby knees. The poetess repeats 'because' word 11 times in this poem to show how much she love giraffes.

## ❖ **WORD MEANINGS**

1. Velvet- a thick, shiny and soft material
2. Knobby- bony
3. Tan- pale yellowish brown colour

## ❖ **SYNONYMS- ANTONYMS**

WORD	SYNONYM	ANTONYM
1. calm	soothing	angry
2. shy	introvert	bold
3. high	big	low

## ❖ **ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS**

1. Are giraffes gentle and kind animals?

Ans. Yes, giraffes are gentle and kind animals.

2. Write three features of giraffes from the poem which tells us why the poet likes giraffes?

Ans. The three features of giraffes are their high head, long neck and dark brown eyes.

3. Is the speaker an animal lover?

Ans. Yes, the speaker is an animal lover.