



Helping Wildlife: Finish the Poems



Let's skip disposable
Bottles, so when
We purchase good ones,
We'll use them _____.

An apple core "thrown"
To the side of the _____
Attracts some small critter
Without time to skitter
Or get very far--
And then comes a car!
(The truth may be bitter,
But food bits are _____.)

Gutters are made for
A natural rain.
Don't let pollutants
Go down a storm _____.

Leaving out pet food
Lures animals near.
Keep it inside and
They may just steer _____.

Poison in gardens
Is not what we need.
For plants uninvited,
Just pull out that _____.

When you see critters,
Babies or grown,
Look at them, listen,
But leave them _____.

For bugs in your garden,
Spray's not what we "oughter."
Instead of a poison, try
Some soapy water
Or juice of a lemon,
Or vinegar mix,
Or any of many
A natural _____.

Do you have unwanted bugs
Eating plants so green?
Far better than a pesticide
Is in that garden scene.
There to help are ladybugs
And hungry spiders, too,
Eating pests most every day,
A silent gift to _____!

Scraps of food.
In your compost stash
Turn to soil,
Not to _____.

Plastic bags?
An easy stop.
Bring some cloth ones
When you _____.

Windows glare,
And birds might smash,
Put stickers on,
So they won't _____.

Answers: again / road / litter / drain / clear / weed / alone / fix / you / trash / shop / crash /

More poems to finish:

Turn off water
When you're done;
It's a waste
To let it _____.

Kittens! Puppies!
Nothing cuter!
Just be sure to
Spay and _____.

In many spots,
Just skip the toil.
Don't rake leaves;
They'll soon be _____.

New batteries: useful.
Worn out ones are not.
For them, find the closest
Recycling _____.

Dogs need walks,
But anywhere
That they may poop,
Don't leave it _____!

Learn some more;
Be "eco-cool."
Pick nature
For reports in _____.

Gardens that have native plants
Help the birds as others can't.
Natives give them all the best
Spots for shelter, food, or _____.

For fallen baby birds, it's best
To put them back into their nest.
When fuzzy, they still need mom there
(And if she smells you, she won't _____.)

Feathered fledglings on the ground
Need to leave the nest.
Let them be (but watch for cats)—
The action that is _____.

Feeding animals seems nice,
A friendly thing to do,
But only *they* know what food's right,
And how to get it, too.
People food can make them sick;
Plus, they must keep the skill
Of getting food all by themselves,
And ours might make them _____.

Little bugs on path or lawn
Are not there to be stepped _____.

A plastic bag, to our dismay,
So easily can blow _____.
Be sure an animal's not caught:
Tie that bag into a _____.

Spider in your house? He'll wish
For a ride outside. Don't _____!

Answers: run / neuter / soil / spot / there / school / rest or nest / care / best / ill / upon / away / knot / squish

Even more poems to finish!

Ducks get sick when they are fed
“People food” like crusts of _____.

To be part of this world fully,
Never be a critter _____.

Want to be a nature hero?
Let your litter count be _____.

They have lives like you and me.
See a critter? Let it _____.

Nature gives them what they need.
Just look at animals; don’t _____.

Tiny trash bits: Pick up quick!
Eating them makes critters _____.

A helpful rule to learn by heart:
Can connectors? Cut _____.

Everywhere, in any weather,
We all share this Earth _____.

Answers: upon, away, knot, squish, bread, bully, zero, be, feed, sick, apart, together

