

## Greedy Dog by James Hurley

This dog will eat anything  
Apple cores and bacon fat,  
Milk you poured out for the cat,  
He likes the string that ties the roast  
And relishes hot buttered toast.  
Hide your chocolates! He's a thief,  
He'll even eat your handkerchief.  
And if you don't like sudden shocks,  
Carefully conceal your socks.  
Leave some soup without a lid  
And you'll wish you never did.  
When you think he must be full,  
You'll find him gobbling bits of wool,  
Orange peel or paper bags,  
Dusters and old cleaning rags.

This dog will eat anything,  
Except for mushrooms and  
cucumber.  
Now what is wrong with those,  
I wonder.



Name:

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Read the text, then answer the questions.

1. Tick all the things from the list below that are named in the poem as something Greedy Dog likes to eat.

Orange peel ☐Cleaning rags ☐Cucumber ☐Toast ☐Cat milk ☐Newspapers ☐

2. *"And relishes hot buttered toast"*

What word could the author have used instead of *"relishes"*?

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3. Why does the poem say that you should hide your chocolates?

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4. Find and copy **one** word that tells the reader they should hide their socks.

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5. *"Leave some soup without a lid  
And you'll wish you never did."*

Explain why you think you might wish this.

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6. Find and copy **one** word that tells us Greedy Dog is eating noisily and quickly.

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7. Suggest a different title that the author could have used for the poem.

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