

WALT evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader (R8), and explain and discuss our understanding of what we have read, drawing inferences (such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions) and justifying these with evidence (R5).

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Talking Turkeys!!

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Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas
Cos turkeys just wanna hav fun
Turkeys are cool, an turkeys are wicked
An every turkey has a Mum.

5 Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas,
Don't eat it, keep it alive,
It could be yu mate an not on yu plate
Say, Yo! Turkey I'm on your side.

I got lots of friends who are turkeys
10 An all of dem fear christmas time,
Dey say 'Benj man, eh, I wanna enjoy it,
But dose humans destroyed it
An humans are out of dere mind,
Yeah, I got lots of friends who are turkeys
15 Dey all hav a right to a life,
Not to be caged up an genetically made up
By any farmer an his wife.

Turkeys jus wanna play reggae
Turkeys jus wanna hip-hop
20 Have you ever seen a nice young turkey saying,
'I cannot wait for de chop'?
Turkeys like getting presents, dey wanna watch christmas TV,
Turkeys hav brains an turkeys feel pain
In many ways like yu an me.

25 I once knew a turkey His name was Turkey
He said 'Benji explain to me please,
Who put de turkey in christmas
An what happens to christmas trees?'
I said, 'I am not too sure Turkey
30 But it's nothing to do wid Christ Mass
Humans get greedy and waste more dan need b
An business men mek loadsa cash.'

So, be nice to yu turkey dis christmas
Invite dem indoors fe sum greens
35 Let dem eat cake an let dem partake
In a plate of organic grown beans,
Be nice to yu turkey dis christmas
An spare dem de cut of de knife,
Join Turkeys United an dey'll be delighted
40 An yu will mek new friends 'FOR LIFE'.

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