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### Puzzle it out!

The word in blue in each line of this poem is an anagram of another word. There is a clue in the rest of the line to help you work out what that word is. For example, the answer to 'Waddle about and drag your feet' is dawdle which means to drag your feet.

**Did you know?**

The word listen is an anagram of silent.

**Answers: Puzzle it out!**

1. Waddle about and drag your feet. Answer = dawdle.
2. Twist about skate for meat to eat.
3. Mix up races to give someone a fright.
4. Make stone into messages you write.
5. Wipe away tears then give me a look.
6. Turn votes into something on which to cook.
7. Untie loop to find a place to dive in.
8. Knead bread into hairs that grow on a chin.
9. Stir up late into a story to tell.
10. Shuffle leap into the sound of a bell.
11. Spin reaps into a weapon to throw.
12. Juggle times to strike with a heavy blow.
Anagram Antics 2

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Forwards and Backwards

These anagrams spell the first word if read backwards!

Why are buns like a snub?
Why is a reed like a deer?
Why is a keel like a leek?
Why is a reel like a leer?

Here is a list of words that form a new word when written backwards. Have a go at writing them backwards!

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Can you think of some more anagrams that can be spelled forwards and backwards?

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