

# The Moon

Robert Louis Stevenson

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;  
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,  
On streets and fields and harbour quays,  
And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees.

The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,  
The howling dog by the door of the house,  
The bat that lies in bed at noon,  
All love to be out by the light of the moon.

But all of the things that belong to the day  
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;  
And flowers and children close their eyes  
Till up in the morning the sun shall arise.

## Questions:

### Research and Discussion Questions

1. What is the moon? Is it a planet?
2. Why can you only see the moon during the night?

### Multiple Choice Questions

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. According to the poem, what does the moon do?<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. It sleeps above the world.</li><li>b. It looks down on the world.</li><li>c. It shines brightly in the sky.</li><li>d. It looks down on the land, people and animals.</li></ol></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Which of the following activity is NOT nocturnal?<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A cat pursuing a mouse</li><li>b. A dog howling</li><li>c. A bat sleeping</li><li>d. A bat hunting</li></ol></li></ol> |
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5. Why is the dog howling at the door of the house in the poem?
- a. The dog is lonely.
  - b. The dog can see the moon.
  - c. The dog wants to go outside.
  - d. The dog wants to get inside.
6. According to the poem, which of the following sleep at night?
- a. Flowers and children,
  - b. Flowers and bats
  - c. Children and dogs
  - d. Mouse and cats
7. Which of the two things were compared in the poem?
- a. Flowers and children
  - b. The face of the moon and the clock
  - c. Birds and forks
  - d. Dog and the bat
8. "What is the word "quays" refering to?
- a. A bird
  - b. A dock
  - c. A stone
  - d. A Kite
9. "The moon has a face like the clock in the hall" is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Metaphor
  - b. Personification
  - c. Alliteration
  - d. Simile

More question

10. According to the poem which animals would like to come out once the moon is shining?

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11. What is the rhyming scheme for this poem?

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12. What is the purpose of this poem?

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13. What is the tone of the poem?

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**Visual activity:**

14. Draw an activity at moonlight? Use the poem to help you do this activity?