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Onomatopoeia and 'The Moon'

Onomatopoeia is a word that imitates the sound it describes. For example, the word "sizzle" is formed by the sound associated with it. When you hear "sizzle," you might imagine the sound of bacon sizzling in a pan.

Directions: Read the poem below and circle the words that are examples of onomatopoeia.



By 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 harbor 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 rise.



Think about it!

1. What are some other examples of onomatopoeia? List three or more words other than the ones you found in the poem.

2. How does the use of onomatopoeia help you visualize what is happening in the poem?

3. Can you find a *simile* in the poem above? Underline it.