

# Quiet Night

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One frog, two owls, three geese are joined by increasingly larger numbers of different animals that keep ten campers from falling asleep in their tent.



## Read

### Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *What shines big and bright at night?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder how many different animals are heard by the campers?

### During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

### Rare Words in *Quiet Night*

- swoop: fly downwards quickly from the air
- flight: moving through the air or through space
- slap: a blow made with the open hand or a flat object
- howling: long high noises such as animal cries or the sound of a strong wind
- appetite: a desire for food
- twitch: to move with a slight jerk
- whining: to complain in an unreasonable, repeated, or irritating way
- unite: to bring together
- groans: a long low cry expressing pain or misery
- stirring: causing an emotional or excited reaction
- whirring: a buzzing or humming sound
- creeping: moving gradually over a period of time
- yawn: to open the mouth wide and take a long deep breath

## After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What sound did the frog make on the quiet night? Can you make a frog sound?
- How many owls whoo-hooed?
- What sound did the three geese make?
- Can you tell me what the fish did? Have you ever seen jumping fish?
- Can you make the sound of the coyotes? Have you ever heard coyotes howl or seen one? Why are they so thin?
- How many raccoons are there? What are they eating?
- Have you ever heard mice scratching? What does it sound like?
- Can you tell me what a mosquito sounds like?
- What color are crickets? How many? Can you count them?
- What did the campers do when someone turned on the lights? Why do we yawn?



**Do**

## I Spy...an Insect!

Find various insects, such as a cricket, mosquito, etc., from a camping trip and let the students look at them through a magnifying glass.