The Moon

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 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 about ‘The Moon’ by Robert Louis Stevenson

1. **Similes** are often used in poems. This is where the poet compares one thing with another thing. What does Stevenson compare the face of the moon to? ____________________________________________________________

2. Is the moon described as male or female? ____________________________________________________________

3. In the first stanza, find 4 things the moon shines on: ____________________________________________________
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4. Where are the birds sleeping in the poem? _____________________________________________________________

5. What 4 animals love to be out in darkness? ___________________________________________________________
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6. What do you think the poet means by the lines ‘all of the things that belong to the day’? _______________
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7. **Onomatopoeia** is when a word sounds like the sound it is representing, (eg. crunch, smash, pop). Circle the examples of onomatopoeia in these line from the poem:
   The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,
   The howling dog by the door of the house,

8. In the poem, what 2 things wait for morning before they wake up? ________________________________ and ________________________________

9. Describe the rhyming pattern in each stanza _______________________________________________________
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10. Can you come up with your own simile for the moon? The moon has a face like ________________________________