

## 10. Welcome to the Night

Competencies  
C-2.1, C-3.4, C-4.1



Appreciation of  
Literature

To all of you who crawl and creep,  
Who buzz and chirp and hoot and peep,  
Who wake at dusk and throw off sleep:  
Welcome to the night.

To you who make the forest sing,  
Who dip and **dodge** on silent wing,  
Who flutter, hover, **clasp**, and cling:  
Welcome to the night!

Come feel the cool and shadowed breeze,  
Come smell your way among the trees,  
Come touch rough bark and leathery leaves:  
Welcome to the night.

The night's a sea of **dappled** dark,  
The night's a feast of sound and spark,  
The night's a wild, **enchanted** park.  
Welcome to the night!

—Joyce Kilmer

**dodge**

to move quickly  
to not get hit by  
something

**clasp**

hold tightly

**dappled**

having different  
shades of light and  
dark spots

**enchanted**

magical



## ★ Literature : Ch-10: Welcome to the night

### ★ Dictation words :

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| 1) crawl      | 2) creep      |
| 3) buzz       | 4) chirp      |
| 5) hoot       | 6) dusk       |
| 7) dodge      | 8) flutter    |
| 9) hover      | 10) clasp     |
| 11) cling     | 12) breeze    |
| 13) leathered | 14) dappled   |
| 15) feast     | 16) enchanted |
| 17) nocturnal | 18) diurnal   |

### ★ Word-meanings :

- 1) dodge - to move quickly to not get hit by something
- 2) clasp - hold tightly
- 3) dappled - having different shades of light and dark spots
- 4) enchanted - magical

### ★ Make sentences :

- 1) clasp - Mother clasped her son in her arms.
- 2) enchanted - The princess lives in an enchanted castle.

★ Answer these questions:

Q1. Have you ever been outdoors, at night, in a village or forest? If you have, describe your experience. If you haven't, imagine what it would be like, and write about it.

Ans1. I have been outdoors at night in a village/ I can imagine being outdoors at night in a village. The scene is quiet, broken only by the rustle of leaves and distant animal and insect sounds. The air would be cool and fresh, with a hint of earthiness and moonlight creates a serene atmosphere.

Q2. The poem talks about night-time in the forest. What is night like in the city? Which animals or insects come out at night in a city?

Ans2. Night in the city is often alive with sounds and lights. The traffic, sirens and conversation fill the air. Animals like dogs, cats, rats, bats and insects like moths, mosquitoes, cockroaches and crickets come out at night in a city.

Q3. Oral discussion

Q4. Just like nocturnal plants, there are nocturnal animals as well. Name five nocturnal animals.

Ans4. Owls, Bats, Raccoons, Foxes, Hedgehogs.