

The Monster in the Barn

As Bobby was getting ready for bed, he heard a loud screeching coming from the barn outside. Bobby did not know what was making such a loud noise, and he had trouble falling asleep that night. He was scared that there might be a monster in the barn. When Bobby woke up the next morning, he went to the barn to see what was causing the noise the night before. Bobby was perplexed and could not figure out what would make such noise. That night after dinner, Bobby got a flashlight and headed out to the barn.

“Where are you going?” Bobby’s father asked.

“I am going to find the monster in the barn that made so much noise last night,” Bobby replied.

“If you are going to look for a monster, you might need some company,” Bobby’s dad said, and he walked with Bobby out to the barn.

Bobby shined his flashlight into the dark barn but did not see anything. Bobby called out but nothing answered. He walked into the barn but still did not see a monster.

“What did this monster sound like?” Bobby’s dad asked.

“It was a loud screeching noise,” Bobby said, “and it was coming from the barn.”

Bobby’s dad began to laugh and he took the flashlight from Bobby. Shining the flashlight up at the roof of the barn, Bobby and his dad saw a small brown owl in the rafters of the roof.

“It was only a barn owl that you heard last night,” Bobby’s dad said. “They are nocturnal hunters, so that is why you only heard him at night.”

Bobby was happy that it wasn’t a monster, and he thanked his dad as they walked back to the house. Just then they heard a loud screech and looked up to see the barn owl flying away into the night sky.

1.) The noise Bobby heard the first night was

- a. The barn owl flying
- b. The barn owl screeching
- c. A monster in the barn
- d. The barn owl building a nest

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2.) The word nocturnal means

- a. Daytime
- b. Nighttime
- c. Bad
- d. Silent

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