

Sounds

In this poem, the poet uses her sense of hearing to tell us about the sounds she loves and the sounds she hates.

Before you read

- Close your eyes. What sounds can you hear?
- What are your favourite sounds?
- What sounds do you hate?

Read this poem

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I love the sound of cats purring,
 I hate the sound of glass breaking,
 I love the sound of music playing,
 I hate the sound of paper tearing,
 I love the sound of birds singing,
 I hate the sound of whistles blowing,
 I love the sound of water gushing,
 I hate the sound of dogs barking,
 I love the sound of trees rustling,
 I hate the sound of thunder crashing,
 I love the sound of crisps crunching,
 I hate the sound of bees buzzing.

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Re-read the poem

Answer the following questions.

1. Which animal does the poet like to hear purring? _____

2. Which sound does water make in the poem? _____

3. Can you think of any other sounds that water makes? _____

4. Which animals make a barking sound? _____

5. Why do you think trees make a rustling sound? _____

6. Which music do you like to hear playing? _____

7. Where might you hear a whistle blowing? _____

8. Which sound do you like best in this poem? Why? _____

9. Why do you think the poet hates the sound of thunder? _____

10. A lot of the words in the poem end in **ing**. Fill in the gaps in the sentences below with these **sound** words:

banging roaring crackling

A fire makes a _____ sound.

A lion makes a _____ sound.

A drum makes a _____ sound.