

Class guide to

***Sleep Soundly at Beaver’s Inn***

* Onomatopoeia is the naming of a sound by trying to imitate it, as in "meow" (The cat *meowed*) or "boom" (The thunder *boomed*). Can you find examples of onomatopoeia in the story? (A: tippity tappity, whoo whoo, splish-splosh, chicka chicka)
* Alliteration happens when words that start with the same sound are used close together in a phrase or sentence. It makes a catchy sound that’s fun to say and easy to remember. Examples are “Mickey Mouse” and “Pokey Little Puppy”. Can you find examples of alliteration in the story? (A: rhythm of the rain, song of the surf, whistle of the wind)
* A metaphor is a word or phrase that is used to make a comparison between two people, things, animals, or places. Rat calls the waves “the song of the surf.” In what way is this a metaphor? Can you make up some metaphors of your own?
* Multiple meaning of title? What does “sound sleep” typically mean? (sound advice) What is the secondary meaning of the title?

**Reading comprehension**

* Why do guests go to Beaver’s Inn?
* What is it about Jackrabbit that makes him want to be active when the others want to sleep? (Discuss nocturnal vs diurnal animals).
* Why is Jackrabbit afraid when he first hears the sound?

**Animal Info--research**

* In the story, Toad comes from the rainforest, Eagle from the mountain top, Rat from a ship on the sea, Jackrabbit from the desert. Where else can each of these animals be animals found?

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