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The Best Burp



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Chapter 1

The sky was clear.

There were no clouds.

But Tobin heard a **rumble!**

“Is that thunder?” Tobin asked.



“Not thunder!”

Bismark said to Tobin.

“That was Bink’s burp.”



“The best burp of the night!”

Bink said.



“Bah!” Bismark said.

“That was not the best burp.

MY burp was better!”

“No, *MY* burp was better!”

Bink said.




“No, *MY* burp was better!”

Bismark said.

“I have an idea!” Bink said.


“Let’s have a **burp-off!**”





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FUN FACTS!



What Is a Nocturnal Animal?

Nocturnal

(NOK-tur-nel) *adjective*

Nocturnal animals are awake at night and sleep during the day.



The Nocturnal Animal Friends in the Story



Pangolin

(PANG-guh-lin) *noun*

Pangolins have small, hard plates on their bodies. They have long tongues but no teeth. They are shy, and they make a stinky smell or curl into a ball when they are scared. They live in Asia and Africa, but there are not many of them left in the world. Many people are trying to protect pangolins and the places where they live.

Red Fox

(RED FAHKS) *noun*

Red Foxes have yellow, orange, or red fur and black feet. Their big, bushy tails help to keep them warm. They have very strong ears. They can hear things that people cannot! They live in cozy dens with their parents when they are young. When they are grown-ups, they like to be alone. Foxes are very smart, and they like to play.



Sugar Glider

(SHOO-ger GLAHY-der) *noun*

Sugar Gliders have small bodies, big eyes, and gray fur. When they are babies, they ride around in a special pocket on their mothers' bellies. They like to eat fruit and other sweet plants. Sugar gliders like to live in groups in tree branches. They cannot fly, but they can stretch out their bodies and float like a leaf from tree to tree.



Bat

(Baat) *noun*

Bats are small animals that have fur and wings to help them fly. Most bats eat fruit and insects. An average bat can eat more than a thousand insects per hour. They have very good vision which helps them fly in the dark caves they call their home.

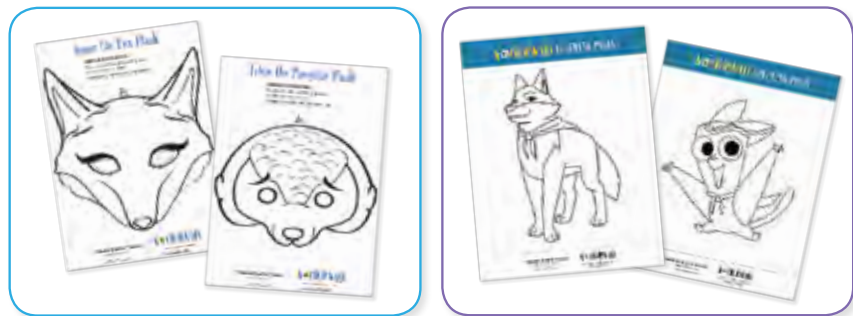


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Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



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In *The Best Burp*, Bismark and a bat named Bink are playing a game—who can make the loudest burp! Tobin thinks both burps are good! Dawn hears the burps and asks who is burping. Bismark and Bink blame Tobin! Dawn tells them that burps are natural but that blaming others isn't how to be your best self.

Bonus Content includes Fun Facts about The Nocturnals and a pronunciation guide for new words.



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