

In the night

Talk to your child about the story:

Do you ever get worried or scared at night?

The little boy in the story gets very scared at night and only one thing can make him feel better. What do you think that is?

Begin by reading the story words. Can your child 'Fred' in their head ... in other words can they sight read the words or silently decode them and then say the word out loud?

bump	switch	grin	play
feel	creep	fright	right
fight	night	might	tight
trick → tricks		witch → witches	
gob'lin → goblin		flap → flapping	
tuck → tucked		all	no
some	the		

Remember, you can't 'Fred' a red! Use the first sound as a clue.

Underlined sounds show 'special friends' where 2 letters = 1 sound.

The words with arrows show how to break words into syllables to make them easier to read. You could clap each syllable, then say the word. Words in past tense may end in -ed, e.g. tucked. The root word is tuck, we then add -ed to show it happened in the past.

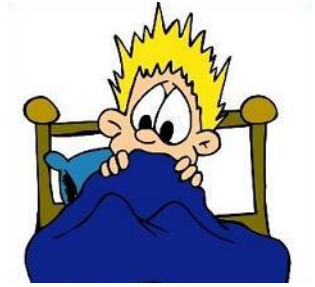
Now you are ready to read the story.

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Rats creep in the night

Dogs yap, cats fight.

Witches grin, something's not right.



Goblins play tricks in the night.

On flapping wings, bats in flight.

Something went bump!

Just switch on the light.



I am tucked in tight.

but I think I just might

get a bit of a fright in the night.

I am tucked in tight

no goblins in sight.

and I feel all right in the night.



We encourage the children to read the story at least twice so we know they are familiar with it. Then use the text to help answer these questions. Prove your answer by finding the evidence in the text.

+ What does the child tell us makes a noise at night?

+ What noises do they make?

+ What does he mean when he says 'something's not right'?

+ What does he worry about seeing in the night?

+ What does he want someone to do?

+ What makes him feel better? How do you know?

Talk about vocabulary:

Goblin: a little elf like creature

Punctuation in this story:

Full stop at the end of each sentence.

Capital letters to begin each new sentence

! Exclamation mark to show fear.