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SOUNDS OF OUR WORLD

Limpopo Nights

Activity pack

(Print Friendly)

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The Limpopo nights are incredibly loud!

Midnight screamers,
Evening droners,
Continuous relentless hum.

Calls and howls,
Hoots and growls,
Pepper the night music.

Can you hear the Limpopo River,
Beneath songs ten thousand strong?

Can you hear footsteps of a timid Waterbuck?

Buzzing, chirping, whirring, purring.
Where are the invisible noise makers?
Who are the invisible noise makers?

Impossible to see.
Impossible to miss.

For not all you can hear can be found,
And not all you see can be heard.



Activity 1:

1. Who do you think the invisible noise makers are?

What type of creatures could they be?

2. Can you draw what you think they might look like?



Activity 2:

Onomatopoeia words are special words that describe a sound. They are words which imitate the natural sounds of a thing. Lots of animal noises are onomatopoeias, for example dogs bark, lions roar, wolves howl, sheep bleat and mice squeak.

1. Can you find all the onomatopoeia words in the Limpopo Nights?

2. Can you think of some more onomatopoeia words to describe some other sounds?

Activity 3:

Can you make up a short story or poem about the noisy creatures living in this forest?

Try to include at least two of your new onomatopoeia words.

Activity 4:

1. What other things can you hear but not always see?
2. What other things can you see but not always hear?

Activity 5

The soundscape was recorded at night in Kruger National Park which is home to many different animals and wildlife, including lions, cheetahs, leopards, elephants, rhinos, hippos, impalas, waterbucks, kudus, hyenas, wild dogs, crocodiles and snakes.

Can you research an African animal and make a magazine article about it?

Try to find out what sound they make and include an onomatopoeia word.