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Story

## Night Trouble

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Level 1





It was a bright night. All the farm animals were asleep.

The pigs were in their pen, snoring loudly. The horses stood in their stables, snorting as they were breathing. Cows were sprawled on the lawn, lying in the shiny moonlight.

But there was only one animal who was still awake....





... the dog and her puppy Rover.

The dog curled up in a ball under the tattered shed. The dog immediately fell asleep but little Rover was still staring at the sky. He couldn't sleep. He just wasn't sleepy.





So Rover got up and ran across the grass. He decided to ask some of his friends for advice. Then off he ran into the night.





Along he went into the dark and stopped at an old tree stump where a wise owl was sitting.

"Wise Owl! Wise Owl!

I am pretty sure you know what's right.

But how do you go to sleep at night?" he asked.

"Oh! You cannot sleep at night. You can only sleep in the morning." replied the Owl.

Now the puppy was very confused. But why is my mother sleeping, he wondered. He toddled off asking for more advice.





Along the way, the little puppy saw a fox staring at him. "Foxy! Foxy! It is very hard for me to go to sleep comfortably," he said.

"Oh, that's very easy. Just put your tail around your head. It has been always comfortable for me," he replied.

The puppy started chasing his tail, but his tail wouldn't reach his head. In fact, the tail was a stump. So Rover walked off to look for more advice.





While Rover was walking, he came upon a bat who was high in the tree.

He said, "Black Bat! Black Bat!

I try with all my might.

But I can't sleep right."

"Turn upside down and sleep then. I am sure it will work, " the Bat replied.

So the puppy began climbing up the tree, but he slipped and fell on the ground. Rover was not asleep but was hurt. Anyway, he went away in the night looking for more advice.





As the puppy walked in the night, he came upon a firefly who was happily buzzing and so he asked,

"Firefly! Firefly!

In the middle of the night

How can you sleep with all that light?"

"Just switch your light off. I can always fall asleep after that." the Firefly replied simply.

The puppy looked around. he couldn't find the light. He could only see his tail. He closed his eyes and concentrated. However, all he managed was a headache. Off he went into the night looking for more advice.





Rover headed along fields and pastures, where crickets were hopping round. He asked the cricket.

"Cricket! Cricket! As you can see  
It is very hard to go to sleep since it is so noisy."

"Oh I have the same problem, You can try not to make any noise for me. That always work for me," answered the cricket.

So the puppy held his breath and tries not to speak. He didn't feel sleepy, though. He felt strained. He sighed and started going back home.





The puppy was still not sure how to fall asleep.  
He ran back to his shed cutting across the fields.  
He felt exhausted and quietly crept under the covers.





"Oh! Hello, Rover," his mother got up sleepily. "Close your eyes now and try to fall asleep."

Rover closed his eyes, curled up in a ball and fell asleep. Finally, all the farm animals were asleep.



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