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# Raccoon Rex

by Ruth Donnelly

I walk by night, in darkness.  
I sneak without a sound.  
I overturn the garbage can.  
Oh! What a treat I've found!

I grab the picnic sandwiches.  
(I haven't yet been seen.)  
I take my bounty to the brook,  
And wash it squeaky clean.

I creep up to the campers' tent  
And snatch a hot dog bun.  
The campers yell. They scream and shout.  
But I'm just having fun!

A mask of fur around my eyes,  
A smile upon my face,  
My paws can open garbage cans.  
I move with stealth and grace.

I steal from people's garden plots,  
From porches and from decks.  
Yes, I'm a fearless bandit--  
And my name is Raccoon Rex!



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2. How do the campers feel in this poem?

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| c. satisfied    | d. angry     |

3. The seventh line of the poem says, "*I take my bounty to the brook.*"  
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4. The sixteenth line of the poem says, "*I move with stealth and grace.*"  
Define the word *stealth*. Use a dictionary if you need help.

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**Challenge:** Look up the word raccoons in an encyclopedia.  
Find out what raccoons eat in the wild.

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Line 3		flip
	snatch	
Line 19		outlaw
	fearless	
Line 8		shining
Line 7		creek



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**The raccoon takes the sandwiches (food) to the creek.**

4. The sixteenth line of the poem says, "I move with stealth and grace." Define the word stealth. Use a dictionary if you need help.

**Stealth means to move around without being noticed.**

**Challenge:** How might campers protect their food from raccoons?  
Write your answer on the back, or on a separate sheet of paper.

**Answers will vary.**

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Line 19	<b>bandit</b>	outlaw
<b>Line 19</b>	fearless	<b>brave</b>
Line 8	<b>squeaky</b>	shining
Line 7	<b>brook</b>	creek