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## The Night's Acrobat

A tiny shadow in the twilight sky,  
A living boomerang that flutters by.  
It does not chirp or sing a feathered song,  
It zips on silent wings the whole night long.  
It flickers like a secret, dark and deep,  
While all the tired, little towns are fast asleep.  
It uses squeaks, a high-pitched, clicking sound,  
To build a map of the world all around.  
A fuzzy pilot in the moon's pale light,  
It chases moths until the dawn is bright.  
So when you see it dance and dive and swoop,  
It's just the night's acrobat in its loop!



1. What is the bat compared to in the first stanza?
  - a) A sleepy town
  - b) A boomerang and a shadow
  - c) A fuzzy pilot
  - d) A singing bird
2. According to the poem, what does the bat use to "build a map"?
  - a) Its silent wings
  - b) Its large eyes
  - c) Its high-pitched squeaks
  - d) The moon's pale light
3. Identify the rhyming pattern in the poem. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Underline the similes and circle the metaphors in the poem.
5. What idea is the author trying to convey in the second stanza?
  - a) The bat is tired and wants to sleep.
  - b) The bat is noisy and wakes up the town.
  - c) The bat is afraid of the dark and deep secrets.
  - d) The bat is active and uses sound to navigate while the world sleeps.