

A Scary Night Study Guide

Before you read:

1. When you came to the U.S., were surprised to find that some things were the same here as in your country? Were you surprised to find that some things were very different? Explain.
2. What kinds of animals/activities/things are you most afraid of? Why?
3. Do you think animals belong inside the house, or should all animals be outside?

Vocabulary:

Insects	Inevitably	Scenery	Lullaby	Growl
Aside from	Patio	Eager	Hesitation	Fly swatter

After you read:

1. What insect does the writer most dislike? Why? Is this surprising to you, or do you agree with her?

2. When are we most likely to see crickets? Are there crickets in your country?

3. Where did the writer first see crickets? Approximately how old was she?

4. Why didn't she want to go to the kitchen alone at night?

5. How do you think she felt when her scream woke her whole family in the middle of the night? Do you think this is another reason why she hates crickets?

6. Describe the writer's new home in Charlottesville?

7. Before she fell asleep, how did the writer feel about insects? What words did she use to describe their song? Where did she think the song was coming from?

8. What happened when she woke up to go to the bathroom?

9. How does the writer feel about the crickets' song now? Why?
