

Activity 1

Extract 1

Darkness tumbles into the air. It dances and whirls around the room. It goes under the bed, under the chair - everywhere!

'Hello, Night!' laughs Max.

Night is mischievous! It chases blue, white, pink and green away.

Max presses his ear to the darkness. Night turns tiny sounds up LOUD.

Just a plink! That's all. Just a drip, not a waterfall!

Just a tap on the windowpane. Just a little branch as gentle as rain, nothing more.

Just the tinkle of a bell then a prrrrr- not a lion! It's a kitten!

Max holds on tight as darkness swirls and spills like ink into the world. Night is huge. It can hold a house. And a pond, and a forest.

A mountain, and a whale, even an ocean too!

Night soars, streams, stretches up to the sky like a kite and suddenly a thousand stars sparkle and fizz, shine and spin. This way, they say to a swan. Where is she going? She beats her strong white wings and honks one word - home.

1. Read or watch the first extract again. What do we find out about Night and darkness?
2. Decide on the three most important jobs that Night does.
3. Write out the three most important jobs. Call your list 'Top three jobs that Night does'.