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 hounty to the brook



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!

Name:

Raccoon Rex

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 - a. gardener
- **b.** carpenter

c. thief

3.

d. chef



- 2. How do the campers feel in this poem?
 - a. disappointed
- **b.** exhausted

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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.

Challenge: Look up the word <u>raccoons</u> in an encyclopedia.

Find out what raccoons eat in the wild.

Name:

Line 7

Raccoon Rex Vocabulary Match



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Re-read "Raccoon Rex" and complete the vocabulary table.

Line Number	Word from the Poem	Synonym		
Line 9	creep			
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Line 19		outlaw		
	fearless			
Line 8	fearless	shining		

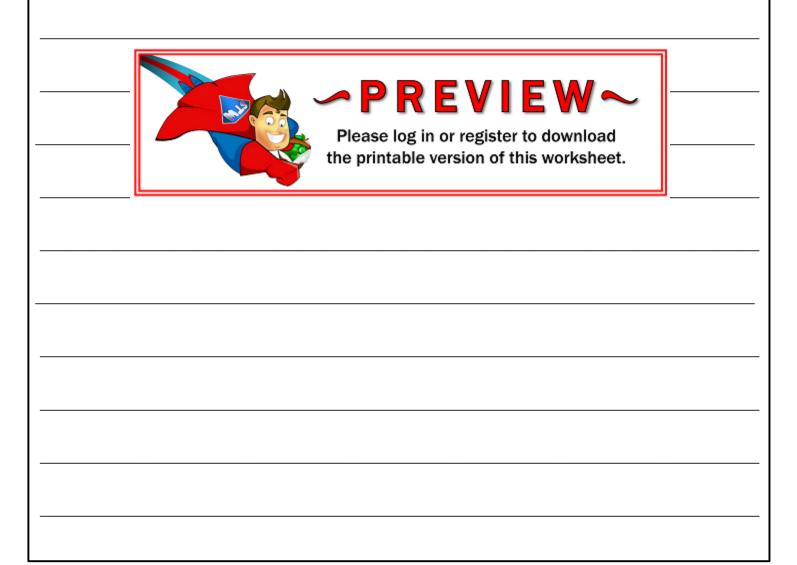
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Raccoon Rex

Creative Writing Task



How might campers protect their food from being stolen by Raccoon Rex? On the lines below, write a paragraph to describe your idea. Then, on a separate sheet of white paper, draw a detailed picture to illustrate your idea.



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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.

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 8	<u>squeaky</u>	shining		
Line 7	<u>brook</u>	creek		