

Description of the creature

Lichen skin

Milk-white eyes

Scuttled on its many legs

Licking the air with its lizard tongue

It searched the air

Its belly rumbled and the creature breathed in deep

The creature licked its lips and sucked the dream through its sharp teeth

Always hungry. Always thirsty.

1. Find and copy 2 words or phrases which describe how the creature moves. (2 marks)

Crept

Scuttled

2. When the narrator wakes, in what way is she still experiencing her dream? (1 mark)

The memory is fluttering helplessly like a moth caught between a pair of hands

Or

She could still taste charcoal grit in her mouth

3. Name 3 things 'the small boy' dreams about. (2 marks)

New grass

Warm milk

Sorghum biscuits

4. How old do you think Kaleb is? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

Kaleb is a very young child as he sleeps in a crib.

5. What three animals does the narrator hear once she is awake? (2 marks)

Mouse

Cricket

Nightjar (bird)

6. What does the creature eat?

dreams

7. How do you know that the narrator was having a nightmare? (2 marks)

Any two of the following points:

- Her hair and pillow were damp with sweat. When we have unpleasant dreams, we often sweat in our sleep
- She describes it as a nightmare 'as the nightmare faded...'
- She would give anything to have a dreamless sleep which suggests her dreams are not pleasant.