The Noisy Morning

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Bob did not like to get up.
The clock ticked.
Mom clapped.
The flock of birds sang.
It was time for school. But Bob did not want to get up.

Just as Bob started to fall asleep again, his mom walked into his room.

Mom said, "Get up, Bob. It is time. The black clock says it is time."
Bob said, “Mom, I only want to sleep a few more minutes.” Do you think his mom would let him?

Mom clapped.

Clap! Clap! Clap!

“Get up, Bob,” said Mom.


Bob said, “Stop, Mom. Stop, clock.”
Derrick came to Bob’s house to walk to the bus with him. Derrick tried to wake Bob up too.

Derrick tapped.
Tap! Tap! Tap!
“Get up, Bob,” said Derrick.
Clap! Clap! Clap!
“Get up, Bob,” said Mom.
“Tick–tock,” said the clock.
A flock of birds landed in the tree outside Bob’s window. Can they get Bob to wake up?

A flock of birds sang.
Derrick tapped.
Mom clapped.
The clock ticked.
Bob said, “STOP!”
Fang ran in.
He slipped on the floor.
He bumped into Bob’s bed.
Plop!
He plopped on the bed.
The flock of birds stopped singing.
Derrick stopped tapping.
Mom stopped clapping.
Fang slipped off the bed.
And the bed flopped flat — splat!
Bob got up.
He said, “Stop, Mom. Stop, Derrick. Stop, flock. Stop, Fang. Stop, Lana. I am glad you got me up!”

Do you think Bob is really glad to get up?
1. Did the clock tick or sing?

2. Did Derrick or Mom clap?

3. Was Fang a pest?

4. Did Bob get up?
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