What Was That?

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Deep inside a jungle was a camp. Hiren, Rakesh and Tape had just started working in this jungle camp.

One day, Hiren realised they needed to go buy some more food. “I have some work to finish. I will not be able to go,” said Rakesh. “I also have to finish work. I will also not be able to go,” said Tape.
Poor Hiren would have to go alone. “I better leave now, so that I can return before dark,” he said.

So off went Hiren and bought lots and lots of food. It was getting dark as the young man made his way back to the camp. So he started walking fast.

*Sarak, sarak, sarak, sarak.*
What was that?

Scared, Hiren stopped in his tracks. He peered into the dark and saw...
... a Barking Deer running away.

*Sarak, sarak, sarak, sarak.*
Laughing, Hiren started walking again.

Khatak-khatak.
Khatak-khatak.

What was that? Scared, Hiren started running. He turned around and saw...
... a Capped Langur jumping from one tree to the other.

Khatak-khatak.  
Khatak-khatak.
Shaking his head, Hiren started walking again.

Suc-suc-suc.
Suc-suc-suc.

What was that? Scared, Hiren hid behind a tree. He looked out and saw...
... a Marbled Cat crossing the path.

Suc-suc-suc.

Suc-suc-suc.
A little ahead, Hiren heard something.

Srīṅg, srīṅg,
srīṅg, srīṅg.

What was that?

Hiren trembled with fear. He looked around and saw...
... a Porcupine moving in the bushes.

_Sring, sring,
sring, sring._
Relieved, Hiren walked on until he was near the camp.

Chhalak-chhalak.
Chhalak-chhalak.
What was that?

Frightened, Hiren wondered if it was an elephant coming his way.
He ran to his camp and saw...
his friends stomping and pretending to be elephants!

*Chhalak-chhalak.*

*Chhalak-chhalak.*
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The jungle is filled with sounds of swaying trees, birds and animals, and insects. But in the dark, these sounds get magnified. No wonder, Hiren is a little scared when walking back to his camp. What was that noise he heard? Listen carefully and find out for yourself.

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