



Owls — Quiet Hunters of the Night

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An owl is a special **bird**. Most owls sleep in the day and wake up at **night**. When the sky is **dark**, the owl comes out to look for food. Owls live in many places. Some owls live in a tall **tree**, and some live in a barn or a hole in the ground.

An owl can **fly** very well. Its soft feathers make almost no sound. The owl is so **quiet** that a little mouse cannot **hear** it coming. This helps the owl **catch** its food. Owls eat small animals like mice, bugs, and other little birds.

An owl has big, round eyes. It can see well even when the night is **dark**. But an owl cannot move its eyes from side to side. So it must **turn** its whole head to look around. An owl can turn its head very far — almost all the way around!

An owl has a **sharp** beak and **sharp** claws. It uses them to hold and eat its food. The owl also has very good ears. It can **hear** a tiny animal moving under leaves or snow. Good ears help the owl hunt in the dark.

There are many kinds of owls, big and small. The biggest owls are as tall as a small child. The smallest owl is as little as your hand! Owls help people by eating mice and bugs. We should take good care of owls and the trees where they live.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. bird ____ | a. to move so that you face a different way |
| 2. night ____ | b. with little or no light |
| 3. fly ____ | c. making very little or no sound |
| 4. catch ____ | d. to take hold of something that is moving |
| 5. sharp ____ | e. a tall plant with a trunk, branches, and leaves |
| 6. hear ____ | f. an animal that has wings and feathers and can usually fly |
| 7. quiet ____ | g. the dark time of day when the sun is down |
| 8. dark ____ | h. to move through the air using wings |
| 9. tree ____ | i. having a thin edge or point that can cut |
| 10. turn ____ | j. to notice a sound with your ears |



B. True or False

1. An owl is a kind of bird. ____
2. Most owls sleep at night and hunt in the day. ____
3. An owl's soft feathers help it fly quietly. ____
4. An owl can move its eyes easily from side to side. ____
5. An owl must turn its whole head to look around. ____
6. Owls eat small animals like mice and bugs. ____
7. An owl has a sharp beak and sharp claws. ____
8. An owl has poor ears and cannot hear small animals. ____
9. Owls help people by eating mice and bugs. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: bird, fly, catch, turn, hear

1. An owl is a special _____ that hunts at night.
2. An owl can _____ very quietly because of its soft feathers.

3. Soft, quiet wings help the owl _____ its food.
4. An owl must _____ its whole head to look around.
5. An owl has very good ears and can _____ tiny animals.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. When do most owls sleep, and when do they hunt for food?
2. Why is an owl so quiet when it flies?
3. Why does an owl need to turn its whole head to look around?
4. How do an owl's ears help it find food?
5. Why are owls helpful to people?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen or heard an owl? What was it like?
2. Owls come out at night. What other animals do you know that come out at night?
3. Why is it important to take care of the trees where owls live?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-f, 2-g, 3-h, 4-d, 5-i, 6-j, 7-c, 8-b, 9-e, 10-a

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-bird, 2-fly, 3-catch, 4-turn, 5-hear

D. Comprehension:

1. Most owls sleep during the day and wake up at night. When the sky is dark, they come out to hunt for food.
2. An owl is quiet when it flies because its soft feathers make almost no sound, so a little mouse cannot hear it coming.
3. An owl cannot move its eyes from side to side, so it must turn its whole head to look around. It can turn its head almost all the way around.
4. An owl has very good ears and can hear a tiny animal moving under leaves or snow, which helps it hunt in the dark.
5. Owls help people by eating mice and bugs, so we should take good care of owls and the trees where they live.