

Introducing: The Owl



Owls are Nocturnal Birds, meaning they sleep during the day and are up all night.



Owls rarely drink water. They get their fluids from the animals that they feast upon.



Owls are known as Carnivores because they only eat meat. If an owl dined at a restaurant, what animals might be on the menu? Unscramble the letters below to find out.

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| 1. OUSEM _____ | 6. BITRAB _____ |
| 2. TRA _____ | 7. EESB _____ |
| 3. WRMO _____ | 8. LISEF _____ |
| 4. ZARDLI _____ | 9. VDEO _____ |
| 5. HFSI _____ | 10. RFOG _____ |

The Night Owl Diner





The Eyes of an Owl

1. **Owls do not have eyeballs. Instead, they have eye tubes which go far back into their skulls.**
2. **Owls cannot move their eyes. They do however have the ability to rotate their necks 270 degrees to see things not directly in front of them.**
3. **Owls have huge eyes which allows lots of light to come in. This is why they have such great night vision.**
4. **Owls only see in black and white.**
5. **Owls have 3 eyelids. The upper is used for blinking, the lower for sleeping and the horizontal one for cleaning and protecting the eye.**

What is a Baby Owl called?

Identify the animals below, then write the first letter of each of their names on the line above to find out.

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The Ears of an Owl

Some owls have what appear to be ears on top of their head but they are only feathers. The real ears are holes that are located on the sides of the owl's head and are hidden by its feathers. An owl's face is shaped like a satellite dish, allowing it to pick up even the slightest of sounds.



Why Owls are Such Great Hunters:



1. Because they are silent, sneaky predators that hunt in the dark.
2. Because they have excellent night vision and can hear and precisely locate their prey, even if it's underground.
3. Because their wings have velvety-soft feathers that make barely any noise when they swoop in on their unsuspecting victims.

Not all Owls Hoot!

Some screech, hiss or even growl!



The Smallest Owl in the World

The Elf Owl measures in at 5 to 6 inches tall and weighs a whopping 1.5 ounces! That's less than the weight of a candy bar!

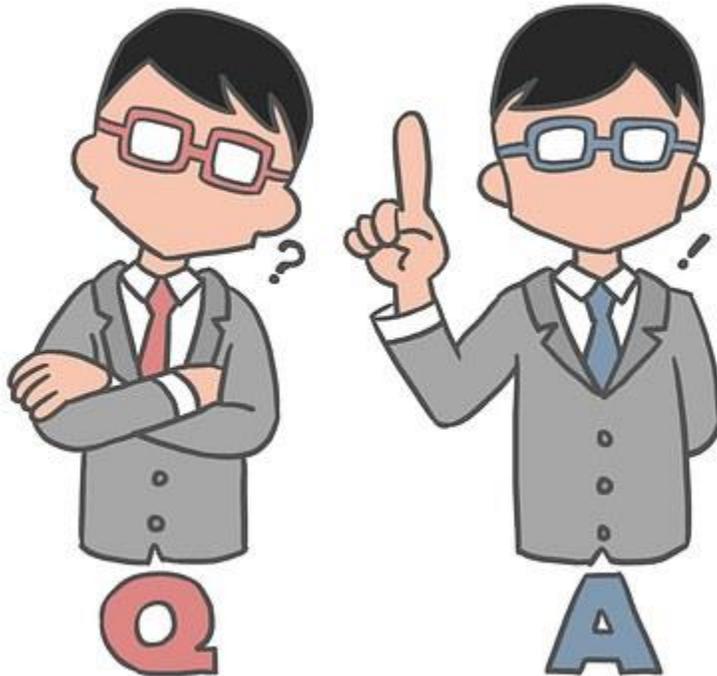


Did You know that Owls have no teeth?

They swallow their prey whole since they can't chew. While their food is being digested, the bones, claws, fur, feathers and teeth of the animal eaten are packed tightly together like a cocoon and are spewed out in what researchers call a pellet.



Answer Key



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| 1. Mouse | 6. Rabbit |
| 2. Rat | 7. Bees |
| 3. Worm | 8. Flies |
| 4. Lizard | 9. Dove |
| 5. Fish | 10. Frog |

What is a Baby Owl called?

An Owlet.

Animals in the pictures: Octopus, Wolf, Lion, Elephant and Tiger.