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GREAT-HORNED OWLS

Have you ever heard a hoot as the sun goes down? This may be the cry of a great-horned owl. She is looking for her dinner.

Great-horned owls have sharp eyes and ears. They see and hear small animals. Then, they swoop down and grab their prey.

Great-horned owls eat mice, frogs, snakes, and small birds. They also eat insects. They can fly without making a sound.

Great-horned owls hoot to other owls in the forest. Their brown and black feathers make them hard to see in the daytime. You may see one flying at dawn or dusk. Be very quiet. Then, you may hear owls calling out to each other through the trees.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. In this passage, the word *swoop* means . . .

a. run.	c. skip.
b. fly.	d. skate.
2. Which statement is **false**?
 - a. Great-horned owls don't see well.
 - b. Great-horned owls fly in silence.
 - c. Great-horned owls eat snakes.
 - d. Great-horned owls have feathers.
3. What colors are the great-horned owl's feathers?

a. black and white	c. brown and orange
b. blue and red	d. brown and black
4. Which animal does the great-horned owl **not** eat?

a. frog	c. small bird
b. snake	d. bear



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CATS

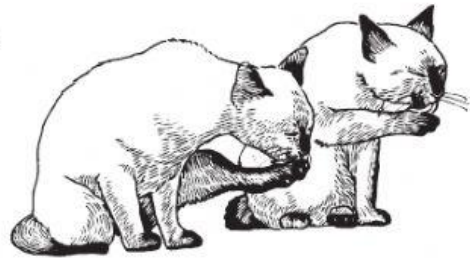
Do you have a cat at home? If so, you know what amazing creatures they are.

Cats learn about the weather from their whiskers. They can tell if it is hot or cold, wet or dry. Their whiskers also help them to find their way in the dark.

Indoor cats like to play with balls. They also love to play with string. You can toss a catnip mouse and train your cat to bring it back to you.

One of the best things about cats is their fur. They keep themselves very clean. They are soft and warm. Most cats like to be brushed and petted. They also like to sit on your lap.

Many cats do not have a home. They are cold and hungry. You can adopt one from your local shelter. Then, you will have an amazing creature of your own.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Cats learn about the weather from their . . .
 - a. tails.
 - b. fur.
 - c. whiskers.
 - d. teeth.
2. You can train your cat to . . .
 - a. cook dinner.
 - b. bring back a catnip mouse.
 - c. brush your hair.
 - d. play football.
3. How do you think a cat cleans its fur?
 - a. by taking a shower
 - b. by swimming in the ocean
 - c. by soaking in the bathtub
 - d. by licking itself
4. In this story, the word *shelter* means . . .
 - a. a place that holds stray cats.
 - b. a teepee.
 - c. a doghouse.
 - d. a tent.