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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.
 - b. fly.
 - c. skip.
 - 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
 - b. blue and red
 - c. brown and orange
 - d. brown and black
4. Which animal does the great-horned owl **not** eat?
 - a. frog
 - b. snake
 - c. small bird
 - d. bear