

Animals of the night

Let's talk

Look at the pictures and talk to your friend about them. See how many of these animals you can name. Have you seen any of these animals yourself?



Let's read

Many animals hide away and sleep during the day, and move around only at night. We call them nocturnal animals. Some nocturnal animals live where it is very hot and dry during the day. They wait until it gets cool after the sun has set before they come out. Some nocturnal animals hide from other animals that hunt during the day. There are also nocturnal animals that hunt at night.



Let's write

Now answer these questions.

Why do some animals hunt at night?

What animals have you heard in the night?



Let's write

Read these sentences. Make a tick (✓) in the box if you think the sentence is correct. Make a cross (✗) if you think it is wrong.

Self-assessment	✓	✗
Some nocturnal animals can hear very well.		
Some animals sleep during the day to stay cool.		
Many nocturnal animals can smell very well.		
Birds are all daytime animals.		



Let's read

Owls sleep during the day and come out at night to hunt. They have big eyes that face forwards, the way ours do. Owls see very well in moonlight. They cannot see when it is completely dark.

Owls have very strong, sharp claws. They use them to grab hold of the small animals they hunt. Their wings are covered in soft feathers. The feathers help owls to fly very quietly so the animals they hunt do not hear them.



Let's write

Read about owls again and answer these questions.

How does an owl grab the animals it hunts?

Do owls hunt for big or small animals?

What kind of claws does an owl have?