

Only Owls

Read to find out about owls.

Feathers

¹ Owls fly on silent wings. Their feathers are so soft that they make no noise during flight. How does that help an owl? It allows the owl to sneak up on its prey, or the animals it hunts and eats, such as mice, rats, rabbits, small birds, and insects.

Eyes and Ears

² Does an owl see well with its large round eyes? Yes, especially at night. Owls also have excellent hearing. In fact, they use their hearing, rather than sight, to find their prey.

Feet

³ Why might a bird's feet be important? Owls have strong three-toed feet with sharp claws. To hunt, owls swoop down and catch their prey with their feet. Most owls then swallow their prey whole.



1. Do you think owls would be able to live in a city? Explain.

2. What would happen if an owl made noise as it flew?

3. What do the three headings have in common?

4. Why are an owl's feet important for hunting?

5. Why does the author say, "An owl flies on silent wings"?

6. Based on the text, what is prey?

7. Which two senses are most important to an owl for hunting?

8. Name three animals that owls eat.
