

# Owls Unit - Slide Show

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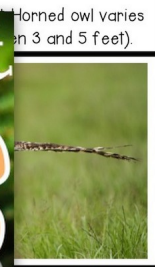
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**Owl Buddies!**  
A group of owls is called a **parliament**.



**Wingspan**  
A Great Horned owl varies (with 3 and 5 feet)



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Owls can turn their heads as much as **270 degrees** almost all the way around!

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**Home Sweet Home**  
Owls live all over the world, except for the Antarctic.



**SEE**  
e large eye



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**What's A Lot!**  
There are around 200 different owl **species**. That's a lot of owls!  
powerful **talons** (claws) to help and kill their prey.



**Time To Eat!**  
Most owls like to hunt **insects**, **small mammals**, and **other birds**. Some owl species hunt **fish**.



**Babies**  
Owls lay white eggs that are almost **spherical** in shape. Baby owls are called **owlets**.



**Not Too Close!**  
Owls are **farsighted**. This means they can't close to their eyes clearly.



**Can You Hear That?**  
Click on the owls below to Hear their sound.



# Close Read & Writing Activities

## OWI Task Cards

The following page has 6 task cards for writing. You can use these in a bunch of different ways.

Write 10 new facts about owls.

Why do you think it is important for owls to be camouflaged?

Write a short story about how an owl uses his camouflage.

Now that you know more about owls, what are some things that you thought you knew?

If you spotted an owl in the school yard, what would you do?

Sort your ideas by myths and facts.

Write short stories.

If you had an owl as a pet, what would you name him? Write a short story about it.

If you were an owl, what would you like best about being an owl?

## My OWI Story

Use the words in the box to write your story.

habitat    oviparous    hunt  
pellet    nest    nocturnal  
raptor    owllet    talons  
camouflage    fly    parliament



## OWI SKWL Chart

What I KNOW	What I WANT to KNOW	What I LEARNED

## Let's Learn About OWIS



Owls are **nocturnal** animals. This means that they play at night and sleep during the day. Most owls like to **hunt** insects, small mammals and other birds. Some owl species hunt fish. They have powerful **talons** to help them catch and kill their prey. The colors of owls' feathers blend into their environment. We call this **camouflage**.

Owls have **large eyes** and a **flat face**. They have three different **eyes** for sleeping, one for blinking, and one for cleaning the eye. They can turn their heads as much as **270 degrees**. That's almost all the way around! Owls are **farsighted**. This means they can't see things close to their eyes clearly.

Most birds of prey make noise when flying. Owls are very **quiet** when they fly! The average **wingspan** of a Great Horned owl varies between 100cm and 153cm (3 and 5 feet).



Owls do not build **nests**. They use abandoned nests that were made by eagles and hawks. They lay **large** eggs that are almost **spherical** in shape. Baby owls are called **owlets**.

## I Can Write Sentences About OWIS

Choose 5 vocabulary words. Write a sentence with each word.

Vocabulary Word	My Sentence

## My Questions About OWIS

Before you start your owl unit, write down some questions that you have about owls. This way, you can make sure that you learn something that you want to know!

## Label That Owl

**Word Bank:**  
Talons  
Eyes  
Beak  
Wings  
Head  
Tail

## My Questions: Comprehension WHEEL

What is one interesting fact about owls?

one thing that you learned from this text.

Name one thing that you already knew before reading this text.

## Owl Bubble Map

Fill the bubbles with words that describe owls. Write adjectives on the LEFT and verbs on the RIGHT.

## Owl Bubble Map

Fill the bubbles with words that describe owls. You can write more than one word in each bubble!

## Let's Learn About OWIS

What do owls like to eat?

Where do owls live?

What is so special about an owl's eyes?

How do owls hide from their prey?

How do owls grab their food?

Write your favorite fact about owls.

# Vocabulary Mini Book & Interactive Notebook Activities

**What Do YOU Know About OWIS?**



Write everyone's thoughts about owls on this page. Sort them by facts and opinions.

**What Do YOU Know About OWIS?**

Interview your parents, grandparents, siblings, and/or friends. Ask them what they know (or think) they know about owls. Record their answers on this page.

Name	What this person knows about owls.

**What Did You Find In Your OWI pellets?**

Draw what you found in your owl pellet. Write down what you think the body part is.

Draw It	What is it?

**Fascinating OWI Facts**

Put glue UNDER this part of the flap.

**Owl Eyes**

Put glue UNDER this part of the flap.

**Owl Food**

Put glue UNDER this part of the flap.

**Owl Head**

Put glue UNDER this part of the flap.

**Owl Home**

how they live from their parents. Owl eggs are perfectly round, just like a bouncy ball!

Owls eat, they spit up the bones of the animal that their body does.

There are 200 different kinds of owls.

Baby owls are called a...  
They lay eggs.

**WORD**  
**Definition**

Things that sleep during the day and hunt at night are called nocturnal. They are also called their eyes.

Owls live in different parts of the world.

When hunting, owls use this to grab their prey.

**Northern Saw Whet Owl**

**Eurasian Eagle Owl**

**Great Grey Owl**

**Hairy Woodpecker**

**Red**

**Types of OWIS**

**OWIS** **CAV**

**OWIS** **ARI**

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**Oviparous**

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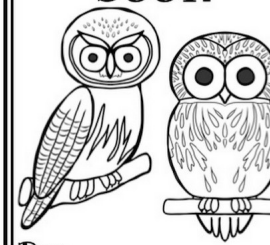
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**My OWI Vocabulary Book**



By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pellet**

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All Students Can SHINE

# Student Reader

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