# **Owls**: Worksheet

## Are there different types of owl?

There are over 150 species of owl. They live in every part of the world except Antarctica.

## Are all owls nocturnal?

No. The pygmy owl, for example, is active in the early morning. The short-eared owl likes the afternoon.

## Why can owls fly silently?

They have special feathers. These stop the wings from making a noise.

### Which are the biggest owls?

The Great Horned owls are the largest. The Eurasian Eagle is perhaps the biggest of all.

## And the smallest?

Elf owls are the smallest. These tiny owls weigh about 40 g. They are 12.5 to 14.5 cm long and have a wingspan of about 27 cm

#### How do owls eat?

Like all birds, owls don't have teeth. They swallow mice and other small animals without chewing.

#### Are owls blind?

No. During the day their eyesight is not great. But at night it is very good.

#### Why do owls have good hearing?

Their ears are unusual. One ear is higher than the other. This means owls can focus their hearing on small movements

#### Can an owl move his eyes?

No. But he can move his head. He turns his head to see.

## True or False?

1. There are more than 100 types of owl.

- 2. They are all nocturnal.
- 3. They fly without making sound.
- 4. Great-horned owls are large

- 5. The elf owl is small
- 6. Owls are toothless.
- 7. Owls have good day vision.
- 8. Owls hear very well
- 9. Owls don't move their eyes
- 10. Owls can turn their heads



