

O for OWL

Owls are mysterious birds.
They like lonely places.



In many
countries
the owl is
a symbol
of wisdom.

A mother owl lays her eggs 2-3
days apart. The father owl and
mother owl sometimes take
turns sitting on the eggs.

Owls sleep during the day
and hunt during the night.
They hunt and eat rodents,
insects, frogs and birds.

Owls are silent in flight.
They have the most highly
developed sense of hearing
of all birds.

Owls see mostly in black and white.
Their large eyes face forwards.
Other birds have eyes
on the sides of their head.

Owls have eyes that are ten times
as light-sensitive as human eyes.
They are short-sighted, so they
can hunt near the ground.

Owls cannot move their eyes.
They can turn their heads
as much as 270 degrees
to follow a moving object.

I saw an owl.
He sat in a tree.
He opened one eye.
He winked at me.

And then he said:
Whoo - whoo!
Good evening, my friend,
Nice to meet you!

