

Nocturnal Animals

Nocturnal animals like to play when you are asleep

Out they creep and then give a great leap.

Can you spot one out in the dark?

Turning their attention to hunt for prey

Under a tree, they wait and stay.

Rabbits, badgers, foxes and more

No one knows what they are looking for.

All the night play has come to an end

Light rises from the horizon, time to sleep. Good night, my friend.



Another night starts, the moon is shining bright.

Now an owl swoops down

It gives the others such a fright!

Mice dive for cover and the fox just stares

And then, all of a sudden, the animals stop.

Looking around, the sun starts to rise

So for now, it is off to bed until tomorrow's adventures.



Nocturnal Animals – Follow-Up Work

Which animals are mentioned in the poem?

Can you find two rhyming words?

What is this , ?

Why do we use commas?

What do you think the animals do during the night?

Why do the mice dive for cover?

Why do the animals suddenly stop?

What happens at the end of the poem?

Nocturnal Animals – Vocab 1

Match the words to their meaning.

nocturnal	where earth and sky seem to meet
prey	moving down quickly in the air
horizon	active at night
swoops	to move slowly
creep	an animal that is being hunted

Write the meaning of these words.

hunt _____

friend _____

moon _____

fright _____

shine _____

Nocturnal Animals – Vocab 2

Find your newly learned words in the wordsearch below.

v	n	g	b	n	e	e	r
b	o	b	s	n	h	e	p
p	c	f	w	d	o	e	u
r	t	e	o	q	r	r	y
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Nocturnal Animals – SPAG 1

The capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks have gone missing.

Can you put them in the correct places?

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Nocturnal Animals – SPAG 2

Put these words into alphabetical order.

tree _____

foxes _____

hunt _____

leap _____

sleep _____

Now write your own Acrostic Poem remembering your capital letters and punctuation. Pick a word to write down the side:

owl, night, mice or dark

Nocturnal Animals Acrostic Poem – Oral Teacher Questions

Which animals are mentioned in the poem? **Rabbits, badgers, foxes, an owl and mice**

Find and copy two rhyming words. **Choice of asleep/leap, prey/stay, more/for, end/friend, bright/fright**

What is this , ? **Comma**

Why do we use commas? **A pause/break in a sentence or in a list**

What do you think the animals do during the night? **Personal response e.g. Hunt for food**

Why do the mice dive for cover? **They don't want to be eaten by the owl**

Why do the animals suddenly stop? **The sun is starting to rise**

What happens at the end of the poem? **They all go to bed.**

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hunt – **to find food**

friend – **a person who you know well and like and who likes you**

moon – **the earth's natural satellite; it revolves around the earth**

fright – **something or someone that causes fear**

shine – **to give off light**

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foxes hunt

hunt leap

leap sleep

sleep tree

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Personal Response