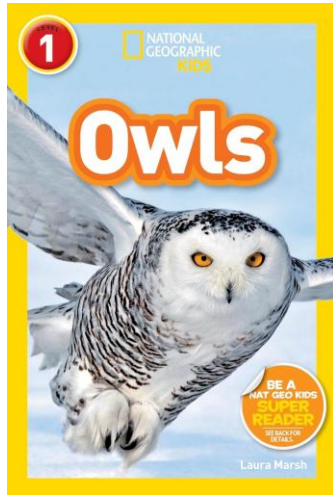


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Owls (National Geographic Kids)

Author: Laura Marsh

Themes: Owls, Animal Adaptations, Habitats, Survival

Book Brief: What makes owls such amazing nighttime hunters? Get an up-close look at these fascinating birds and discover how their bodies, behaviors, and special abilities help them live and survive in the wild.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover together. Ask, “What do you notice about the owl? What do you already know about owls?”
- Ask, “Where do you think owls live? What do you think they do at night?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- What physical characteristics do you notice about owls?
- What helps owls find and catch food?
- Where do different kinds of owls live?
- How do an owl’s characteristics help it survive?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did you learn about owls? What makes them good nighttime hunters? What fact about owls surprised you most?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Draw an owl and label some of its important body parts. Talk about how each one helps the owl survive.
- Go on a nighttime nature watch together. Look and listen for signs of animals and talk about how nighttime might be different from daytime for animals.
- Choose a favorite owl from the book and learn one new fact about it. Add the new fact to what you already learned from the book.