

# Listening for Main Idea and Details (Read-Aloud)

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## Quick Review

When someone reads aloud to you, listen for what the text is **MOSTLY** about (main idea) and the **FACTS** that support it. Listen the whole way through before deciding.

### PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

#### To be read aloud by an adult — The Story of the Owl

Owls are quiet hunters of the night. They have huge eyes that can see in very low light. Even though their eyes are large, owls cannot move them side to side. To look around, an owl turns its whole head.

Most owls hunt small animals like mice and bugs. They have soft feathers, so they can fly without making much sound. This helps them surprise their food. Then, with sharp claws called talons, they catch and carry their meal back to a safe place.

Owls live in many places — forests, fields, deserts, and even cities. Each kind of owl has a special call. Some hoot, some screech, and some bark. Many people enjoy listening for owl calls on quiet nights.

### PART 2 — PRACTICE

Ask an adult or older student to read the passage aloud. Then answer the questions **WITHOUT** looking at the passage.

1. What is the read-aloud **MOSTLY** about?
  - A. where mice live
  - B. owls and how they hunt and live
  - C. how to make a quiet night
  - D. the difference between bats and owls
2. Why can't owls move their **EYES** side to side?
  - A. Their eyes are too small.
  - B. Their eyes are very large and fixed in their heads.
  - C. They are sleeping all day.
  - D. They wear special glasses.



3. How do owls fly WITHOUT making much sound?
  - A. They glide on the wind only.
  - B. They have soft feathers that muffle the sound.
  - C. They flap very fast.
  - D. They only fly during the day.
4. Which sentence is the BEST main-idea statement?
  - A. Owls are loud at night.
  - B. Owls are quiet hunters with special senses that help them live in many places.
  - C. Owls live only in forests.
  - D. Owls eat only fish.
5. Which detail is TRUE according to the read-aloud?
  - A. Owls catch food with their talons.
  - B. Owls cannot see at night.
  - C. All owls hoot the same way.
  - D. Owls only live in cold places.
6. Write ONE sentence in your own words that gives the main idea of the read-aloud.  

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7. Why is it important to LISTEN ALL THE WAY THROUGH before answering?
  - A. So you can do something else at the same time.
  - B. So you don't miss important details that change the meaning.
  - C. So you can decide before the speaker finishes.
  - D. So you can pick the first sentence and stop.
8. If a friend says, "Owls only live in forests," based on the read-aloud, you should —
  - A. agree, because forests are nice.
  - B. disagree and remind your friend that owls also live in fields, deserts, and cities.
  - C. say nothing.
  - D. change the subject.
9. Write TWO important details you remembered from the read-aloud.  

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10. Which is the BEST title for this read-aloud?
- A. The Mouse in the Field
  - B. Big Eyes in the Night: Meet the Owl
  - C. How to Make Bird Calls
  - D. City Animals Only



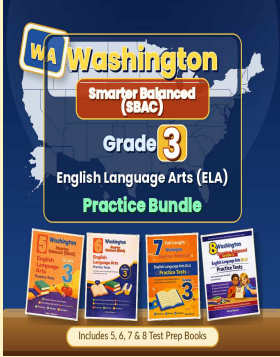
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| Explanations |   |
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| <b>1. B</b>  | The passage covers vision, flight, food, and habitat of owls. The others are not the focus.   |
| <b>2. B</b>  | The passage says owls have huge eyes that cannot move, so they turn their heads.  |
| <b>3. B</b>  | Soft feathers help silent flight. The others are not in the passage.  |
| <b>4. B</b>  | B covers the whole talk. The others contradict the read-aloud or shrink it.   |
| <b>5. A</b>  | Talons are mentioned. B is the opposite; C and D contradict the text.   |
| <b>6.</b>    | <b>Answer:</b> Example: Owls are silent night hunters that have big eyes, sharp talons, and live in many places.<br>Accept any sentence that captures the overall idea.           |
| <b>7. B</b>  | Full listening = better understanding. The others lead to mistakes.   |
| <b>8. B</b>  | Listening for details lets you correct misunderstandings.   |
| <b>9.</b>    | <b>Answer:</b> Examples: huge eyes that don't move; soft feathers for silent flight; talons to catch food; live in many habitats; different calls.<br>Two facts from the passage. |
| <b>10. B</b> | Title B reflects the topic and tone. The others miss the focus.   |



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