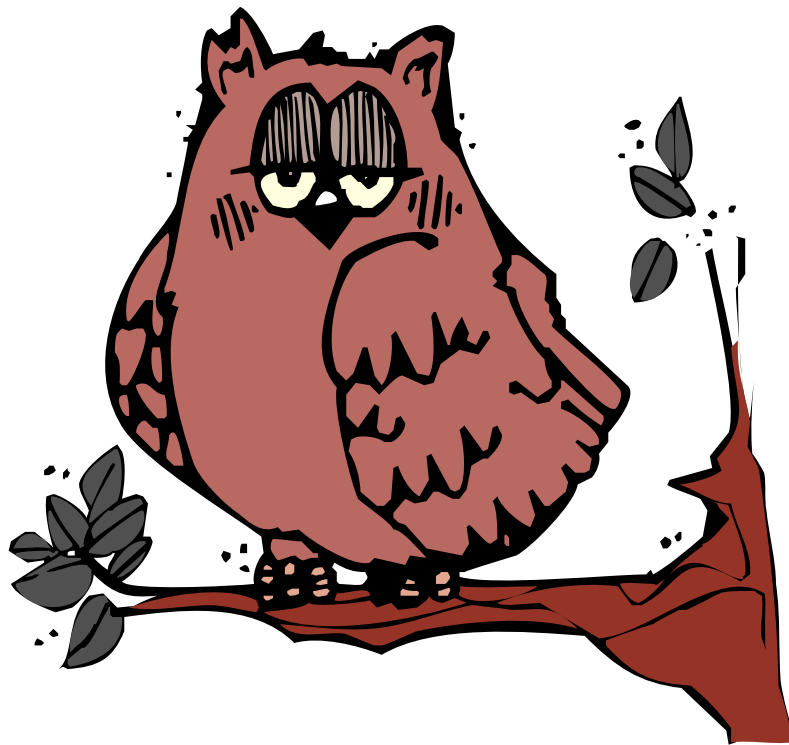


# The owl who was afraid of the dark.



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# All about owls



Fill in the missing words.

1. Plop and his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are Barn Owls.
2. Owls are nocturnal. They sleep during the \_\_\_\_\_ and hunt at \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Owls have big round \_\_\_\_\_ and have very good \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They have very good \_\_\_\_\_ too.
5. Barn Owls have white faces and snowy \_\_\_\_\_ under parts. Their upper parts are soft \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Owls eat \_\_\_\_\_ and small birds.
7. Owls swallow \_\_\_\_\_ food whole.

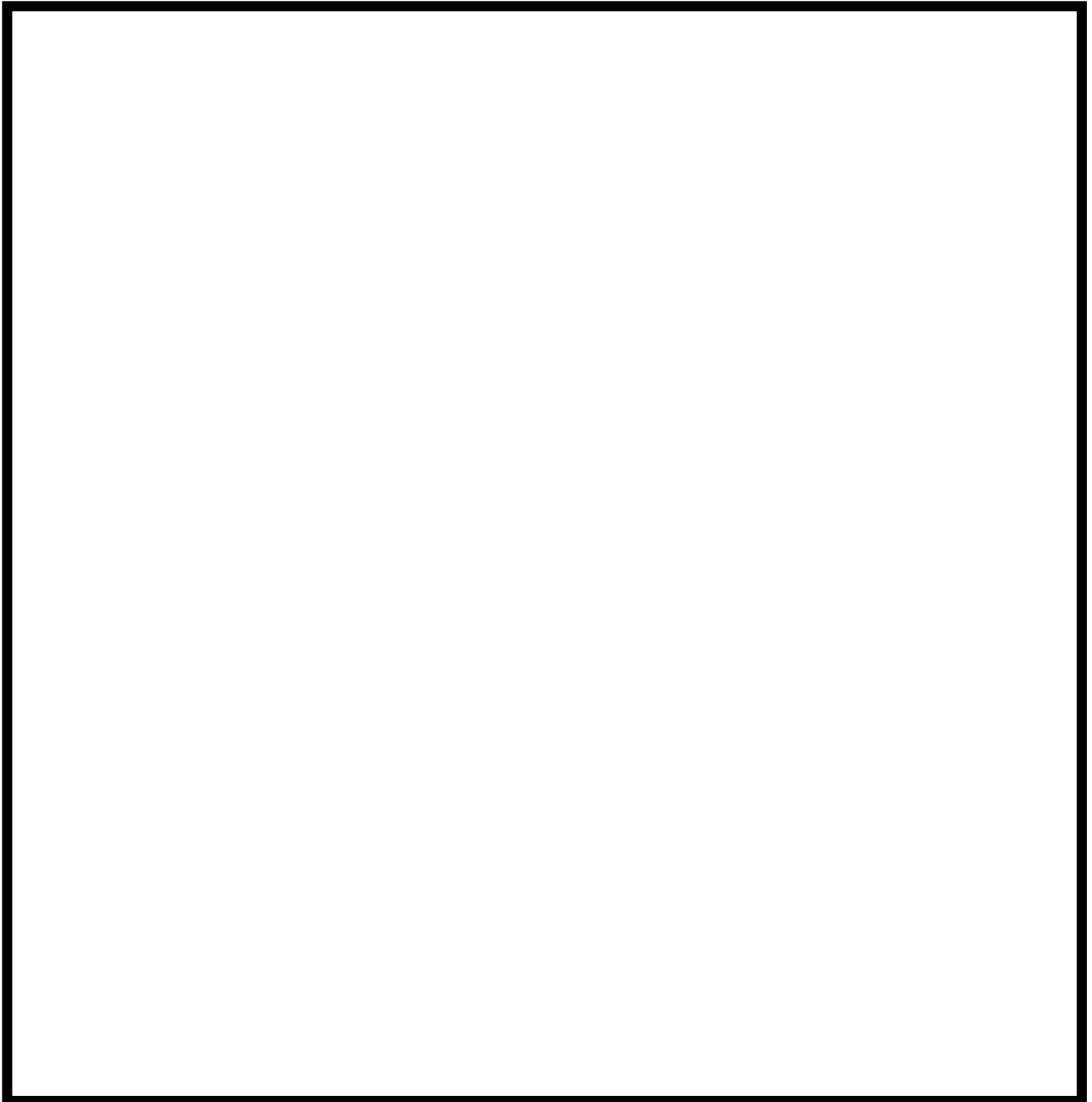
their mother father night white hearing sight  
eyes day night insects



# Plop's Home

Plop and his parents live at the top of a very tall tree.

- Draw the tree.
- Draw Plop standing on the branch outside his nest hole.
- Draw a moon and stars.
- Draw Mr Barn Owl flying.
- There is a field beside Plop's tree.
- Draw a river.
- Draw a little boy.



# Capital letters and full stops

Put in capital letters and full stops.

plop was a barn owl he lived with his mummy and daddy his home was at the top of a tall tree plop was fat and fluffy he had a beautiful heart shaped ruff he had big round eyes he had very knackety knees



Plop's word search

Find these words.

Dark night dusk black silver blue grey

a	j	x	c	g	d	s
p	n	b	f	i	a	r
s	i	l	v	e	r	y
e	g	u	t	b	k	c
k	h	e	f	l	c	z
o	t	r	w	a	b	d
g	r	e	y	c	f	m
r	d	u	s	k	i	e

# More than one

Fill in the missing words

One cat	three _____
One owl	two _____
One boy	four _____
One rocket	six _____
One star	many _____
One squirrel	two _____

Write a sentence for each new word.

Don't forget to start each sentence with a capital letter and end each sentence with a full stop.

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# Ch 1 - Dark is exciting

1. Why did the little boy think that Plop was a Catherine Wheel?

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2. Why did the little boy think that dark was exciting?

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3. Here are Plop and his mummy and daddy watching fireworks. Draw what they saw.



## Ch 2 - Dark is kind

Choose the right word to complete each sentence.

- 1 Plop swallowed his \_\_\_\_\_ in one huge gulp.

dinner nest feathers

- 2 The night was \_\_\_\_\_ and cloudy.

sunny bright dark

- 3 Plop did not get his \_\_\_\_\_ working in time.

feet wings tail

- 4 Carrots help someone to \_\_\_\_\_ in the dark.

hear smell see

- 5 Plop thought that it was only \_\_\_\_\_ who slept in the daytime.

Owls hens robins

- 6 Why did the old lady like the dark? \_\_\_\_\_
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7. Why did the old lady think Plop was a thunderbolt? \_\_\_\_\_
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Draw the old lady.



# Vowels

The letters a,e,i,o, and u are called vowels.

1. Underline the vowels in each of these words.
2. Split each word into two parts and keep vowel in each part.

darkness	<u>dark</u>	<u>ness</u>
today	_____	_____
bonfire	_____	_____
without	_____	_____
anyway	_____	_____
towards	_____	_____
itself	_____	_____
fireworks	_____	_____
tonight	_____	_____

Split these words into three parts. Each part must have a vowel.

Car/a/van	
Grasshopper	_____
Wonderful	_____
Potato	_____
Remember	_____
Flickering	_____

Riddle time

My 1<sup>st</sup> is in SAT but not in HAT

My 2<sup>nd</sup> is in LATE but not in LAME

My 3<sup>rd</sup> is in FAN but not in FIN

My 4<sup>th</sup> is in EAR but not in EAT



# Ch 3 - Dark is fun

Who is this? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think he is doing?

\_\_\_\_\_

Why do Boy Scouts have camp fires?

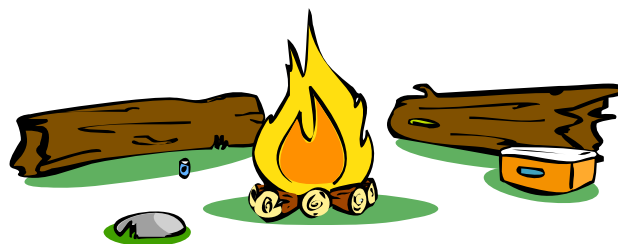
\_\_\_\_\_

What is the difference between a camp fire and a bonfire?

\_\_\_\_\_

What things would you do if you went camping?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Ch 4 - Dark is necessary

Plop was always hungry. Can you unscramble the words to find out what he ate?

suoem	
otpoat	
rwesh	
grrppschoae	
shif	
leov	

Fill in the missing words.

- Owls always \_\_\_\_\_ when they are hungry.
- I sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ when I am asleep.
- Owls \_\_\_\_\_ their food in one gulp.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ my food carefully.
- Plop is a baby Barn \_\_\_\_\_.
- Barn owls say \_\_\_\_\_.
- Tawny owls say \_\_\_\_\_.

Eeeeeeeeeek    swallow    owls    chew    snore  
tu-whit a whoo



## Ch 4 - Dark is necessary

Put these sentences in the correct order. Don't forget to use capital letters and full stops.

1. he dropped something at Plop's feet.
2. "That was nice," Plop said. What was it?
3. Mr Barn Owl swooped in.
4. Plop swallowed it in one gulp.
5. "A fish," said his father.

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Why did the little girl think dark was necessary?

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Why do you think the little girl would like a real mouse for Christmas?

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Why do you think Plop would like a real mouse for Christmas?

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Why do you suppose the little girl's mummy said she would leave home?

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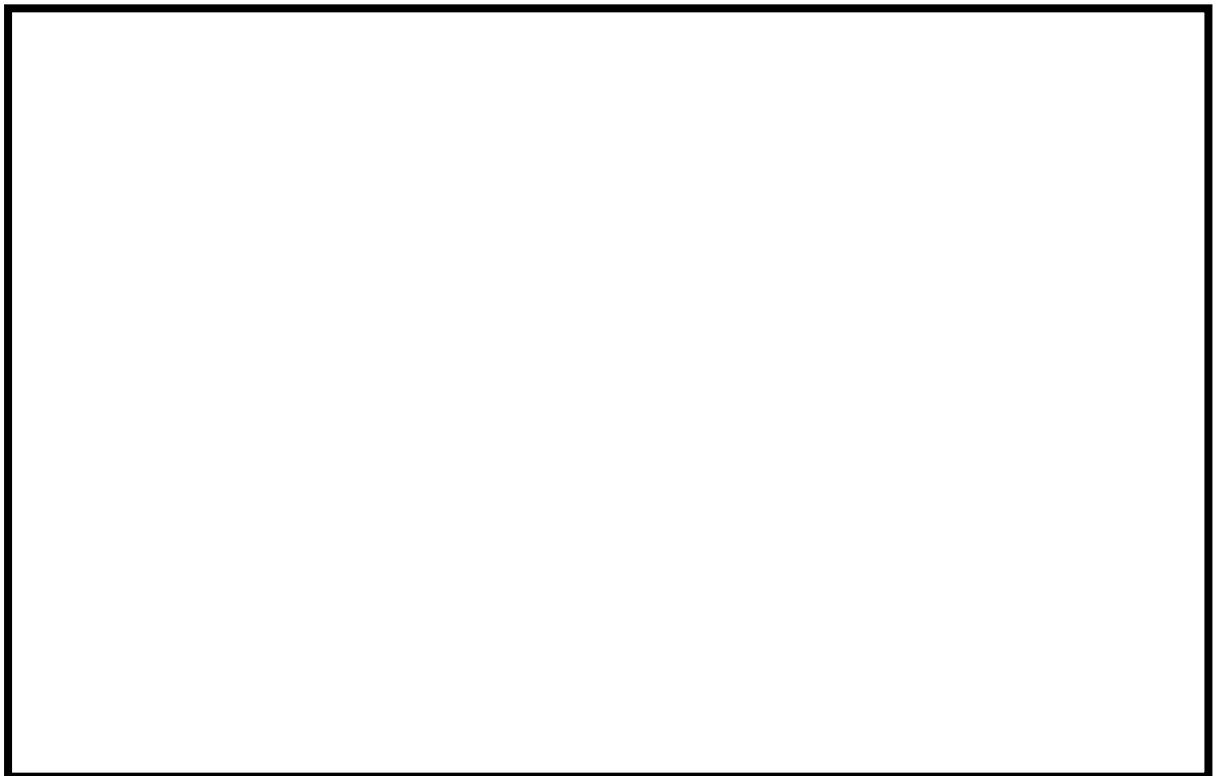


# Capital letters and full stops

Put in capital letters and full stops.

plop gulped down seven dinners he went to sleep he woke up during the afternoon he gave a screech to frighten the squirrels his mummy told him to go and find out more about the dark he asked the little girl with a pony tail the little girl told him all about father christmas she took off a sock and gave it to him she told him to hang it up on christmas eve plop flew home carrying his sock he was very happy

Draw Plop flying home with his sock.



## Ch 5 - Dark is fascinating

Fill in the missing words.

The young lady showed Plop some pictures of night animals.

"I think bats are the most fascinating \_\_\_\_\_ creatures of all," she said.

"You've got the book the \_\_\_\_\_ way p," said Plop. The young lady \_\_\_\_\_.

"No I haven't. That's how bats look like \_\_\_\_\_ be when they're not fluttering about - hanging \_\_\_\_\_ by their feet."

"Go on!" said Plop.

"Yes, really. And do you know, if \_\_\_\_\_ were a baby bat your mother would \_\_\_\_\_ you wherever she went, clinging to \_\_\_\_\_ fur. You'd get lots of rides."

"Og, I'd \_\_\_\_\_ that," Plop said.

"Yes, but when you \_\_\_\_\_ too big to be carried, do you know \_\_\_\_\_ your mother would do? She'd hang you \_\_\_\_\_ before she went out."

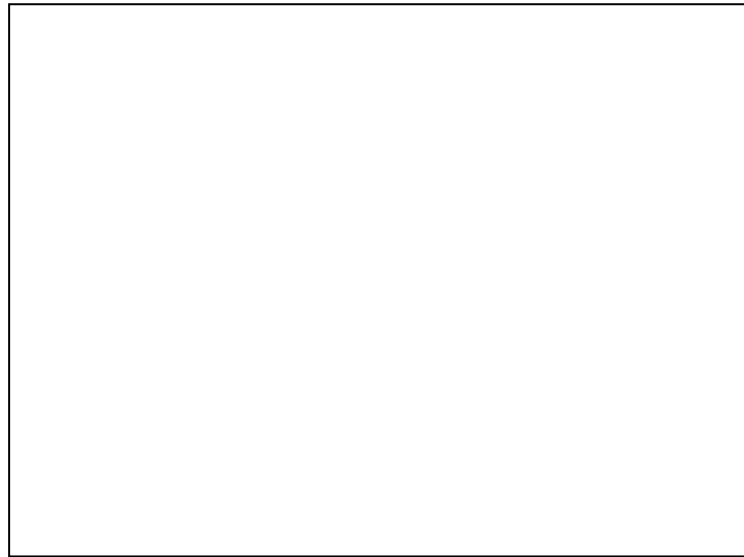




# Descriptions

Plop sat in a low branch. The young lady took out her sketch book and drew a picture of him.

Draw the person sitting opposite you.



Describe the person you have drawn.

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# Ch 5 - Dark is fascinating



The young lady thought dark was fascinating because of all the night creatures.

Can you guess their names?

## Across

1) This animal is black and white with stripes down his nose.

2) A witch keeps a black \_\_\_\_\_ to help her make magic spells.


3) Plop is a baby \_\_\_\_\_.

## Down

1) \_\_\_\_\_ hang upside down by their feet.

2) A \_\_\_\_\_ has prickles instead of fur.


# Riddles

Riddle	Draw my picture
<p>I come out at night. I eat slugs. I roll up when afraid. What am I?</p>	
<p>I live underground. I hunt at night. I am black and white. What am I ?</p>	
<p>I live in a tree. I hunt at night. I have big eyes. What am I ?</p>	 <p>owl</p>
<p>I have soft fur. I sleep upside down. I fly at night. What am I?</p>	
<p>I am small and shy. I am often in danger. I scurry about. What am I?</p>	



## Ch 6 - Dark is wonderful

Can you remember the interesting facts that the astronomer told Plop about the night sky.

Choose the right word.

1. A meteor is a shooting \_\_\_\_\_. Moon/star/sun
2. A telescope is for looking at things like \_\_\_\_\_ . Spiders/stars/planets/plants
3. Sirius is the \_\_\_\_\_ star. Goat/cow/dog
4. Orion is the great \_\_\_\_\_. Hunter/footballer/sailor
5. The Pole star is over the \_\_\_\_\_ Pole.

South/east/north/west





# The owl who was afraid of the dark.

The little boy thought the dark was EXCITING

The old lady though dark was KIND

The little girl thought dark was NECESSARY

The young lady thought dark was FASCINATING

The astronomer thought dark was WONDERFUL

The cat thought dark was BEAUTIFUL

In the end Plop thought the dark was SUPER

Find these words in the wordsearch below.

n	o	a	c	k	m	k	u	v	w	a
f	e	x	c	i	t	i	n	g	t	u
b	d	e	f	n	g	x	b	y	z	s
d	e	l	j	d	k	n	e	o	a	c
n	p	q	n	r	w	t	a	u	v	l
a	c	b	e	f	o	h	u	i	k	m
f	a	s	c	i	n	a	t	i	n	g
y	z	s	e	t	d	u	i	v	w	x
c	l	e	s	f	e	g	f	u	n	h
k	l	m	s	n	r	s	u	p	e	r
z	y	x	a	w	f	v	l	u	t	s
r	q	p	r	o	u	n	m	l	k	j
i	h	g	y	f	l	e	d	c	b	a

# Who said what?



Draw the character.

What did each character think Plop was?

Dark is exciting	Dark is kind
Dark is fun	Dark is necessary
Dark is fascinating	Dark is beautiful

# Nouns and adjectives



A noun is a naming word.

An adjective tells you more about the noun.

Use a highlighter and highlight the nouns.

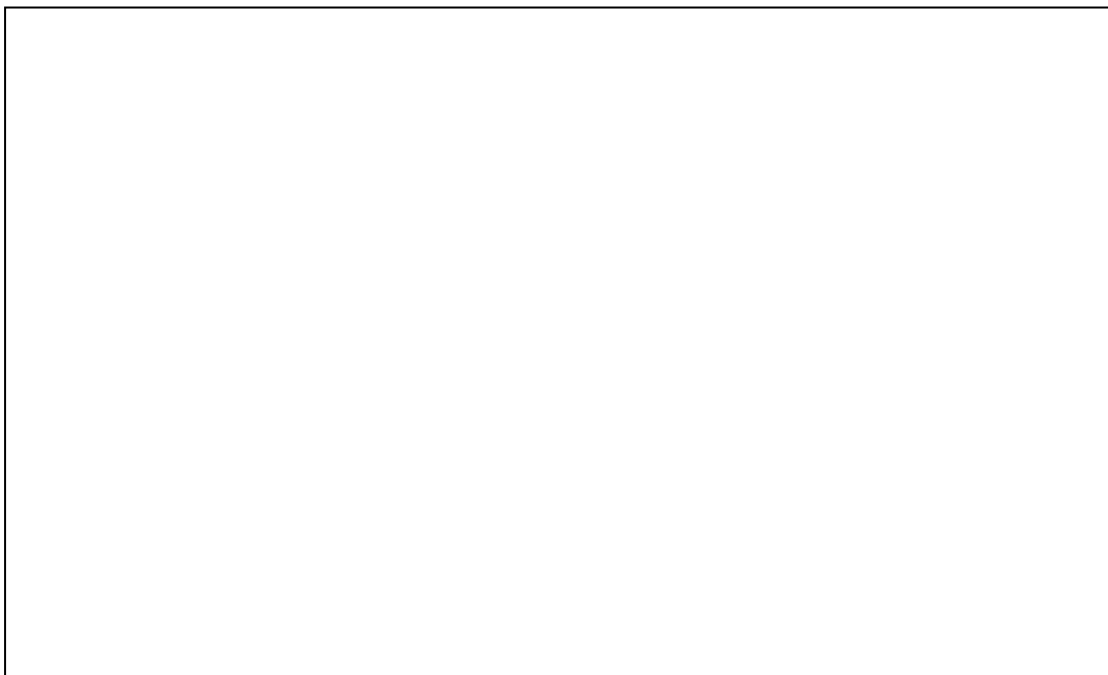
Use another highlighter and highlight the adjectives.

The big black cat and the little white owl sat on a high roof looking over the sleeping town. There are all kinds of nights and they are all beautiful said the black cat. There are hot scented summer nights. There are cold windy nights when the scuffling clouds make ragged shadows across the ground.

There are fresh, spring nights when even the day birds cannot bear to sleep.

There are muffled, wintry neighs when the ground is covered with thick, white snow.

Draw the black cat and the little owl sitting on the roof.



# Story writing

At the beginning of the story Plop was afraid of the dark but by the end of the story he had changed his mind and thought that dark was super.

In your own words tell the story of his best adventure. How did this adventure and the friend he met help him to become a night bird?

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