#1 True or False



An owl can turn its head all the way around.

False

An owl's eyes are supported by bony eye sockets and they cannot turn their eyes. Instead, owls rotate their heads up to 270 degrees (135 degrees to either side), but they cannot turn their heads all the way around.

#2 True or False



A barn owl can eat 1,000 mice each year.

(They swallow them whole!)

True

Many farmers try to attract barn owls to help control rodent populations in agricultural fields.

#3 True or False



An owl pellet is something that an owl poops out.

False

After digesting their food, owls regurgitate (barf) a hard pellets of compressed bones, fur, teeth, feathers and other materials they couldn't digest.

#4 True or False



Owls have fringes on their feathers that lets them fly silently.

True

Owls have specialized feathers with fringes of varying softness that help muffle sound when they fly.

Their broad wings and light bodies also make them nearly silent fliers, which helps them stalk prey more easily.

#5 True or False



Not all owls hoot. Some make screeches, whistles, barks and growls.

True

Owls can make a wide range of other sounds, such as screeches, whistles, barks, growls, rattles and hisses.

During the nesting season, owl calls can often be heard up to a mile away. Female owls generally have higher voices than their mates.

#6 True or False

A group of owls is called a parliament.

True

They can also be called a wisdom, bazaaar or study.

#7 True or False



The tufts of feathers on an owl's head are its ears.

False

Several owls species have ear tufts on their heads but they aren't ears at all. These tufts of feathers may indicate the bird's mood, help keep it camouflaged by mimicking branches or leaves or be used to show aggression.

#8 True or False



All owls are carnivores.

True

Depending on the species, an owl will eat rodents, small or medium sized mammals, nocturnal insects, fish and other birds, including smaller owls.