

Creatures of the Night



Have you ever thought about what happens outside at night while you are sleeping? Lots of other creatures are sleeping too. Maybe your dog or cat spends the night sleeping with you.

If you live where there are deer, maybe a buck or a doe tiptoes beneath your window. In the morning, look for their tracks in the snow.

The pretty little red fox may be out hunting for a meal. From the henhouse a chicken it may steal. The slow and clumsy opossum might pass by while nocturnal bats fly overhead in the sky.

The beavers are out during the night, cutting trees and branches to make their dam just right. A porcupine may come to the stream to take a drink. There are more animals out than you might think.

Morning comes and as you raise your head, the nocturnal animals are ready for bed.



Name: _____

Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1. A buck and doe are

- a. Foxes
- b. Deer
- c. Raccoons

2. A fox will eat

- a. Plants
- b. Grain
- c. Birds

3. An opossum moves

- a. Slowly
- b. Quickly
- c. Very fast

4. The animal that dams up streams is the

- a. Porcupine
- b. Beaver
- c. Raccoon

5. An animal that can fly is the

- a. Bat
- b. Deer
- c. Beaver



Name: _____

Write the name for each nocturnal animal.

Bat Barn owl Beaver Deer
Horned owl Opossum Porcupine Red fox



















Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. b
5. a

Write the name for each nocturnal animal.

Deer

Porcupine

Bat

Red fox

Opossum

Beaver

Horned owl

Barn owl

