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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

A snowy owl is a beautiful creature. The name of the owl is a good one because the owl is as white as snow. A male snowy owl grows whiter with age. The females have more dark spots. Snowy owls wait for prey. They have a keen sense of hearing that helps them catch their next meal.

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Total**1.** What is the text mostly about?

- (A) snowy owls
- (B) an owl's diet
- (C) snow
- (D) an owl's sense of hearing

2. Why does a snowy owl's name make sense?

- (A) They fly south, away from the snow.
- (B) They live in the snow.
- (C) They are as white as snow.
- (D) They eat snow.

3. What is the root word in *beautiful*?

- (A) tiful
- (B) beauty
- (C) beau
- (D) ful

4. What does the word *prey* mean?

- (A) nocturnal animals
- (B) smart animals
- (C) meat eaters
- (D) animals hunted by other animals

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The moon is always orbiting around Earth. The moon goes through cycles, which means that our view of the moon is changing even though a whole moon is always in space. Some nights, we see a full moon. Other nights, it is a half-moon. A quarter-moon looks like a skinny sliver. On some nights, we see no moon at all! This is called a *new moon*.

1. Which title best fits the text?

- (A) Things That Orbit
- (B) A Changing, Orbiting Moon
- (C) Half Moons
- (D) New Moons Are No Moons

2. What does *the cycles of the moon* mean?

- (A) We only see a full moon in the summer.
- (B) Our view changes as the moon orbits Earth.
- (C) We see a different moon than others.
- (D) The moon changes over time.

3. How many syllables are in the word *orbiting*?

- (A) one syllable
- (B) two syllables
- (C) three syllables
- (D) four syllables

4. When might you use the word *half* to describe something?

- (A) when reading a recipe
- (B) when discussing the hoof of a horse
- (C) when talking about something you own
- (D) when describing the playground at school

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The night sky is beautiful to watch. There are millions of stars. Some stars form pictures. People have named those pictures. They are called *constellations*. They make stargazing fun!

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Total**1.** What is the main idea?

- (A) Shooting stars are rare.
- (B) It is fun to look for constellations in the night sky.
- (C) There are millions of stars to see.
- (D) Constellations are weird pictures.

2. Why is the night sky beautiful to watch?

- (A) because stars are so far away
- (B) because you never know what you will find
- (C) because stars twinkle
- (D) because you can see constellations

3. Which word has the same root word as *named*?

- (A) nominee
- (B) tamed
- (C) rename
- (D) medicine

4. What are *constellations*?

- (A) the night sky
- (B) the moon
- (C) stars that form pictures
- (D) stargazing

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What Comes Alive at Night?

It's the middle of the night. Most people are home in bed. A whole other world comes alive at night. These creatures are alert. They are *nocturnal*. They stay awake at night and sleep during the day.

Nocturnal animals have ways to survive at night. They must find food. They also have to escape predators. Nocturnal animals may have a strong sense of sight. This helps them see things in the dark. Many nocturnal animals also smell quite well. They can smell food. They can also sense danger.

A cat is a nocturnal animal. Cats can see well in the darkness. This helps them spot food. They have excellent hearing, too. They can even hear the high-pitched sounds mice make. Humans cannot hear these pitches.

An owl is also nocturnal. It has strong hearing and vision, too. This helps an owl swoop down on its prey. Owls, like cats, are good hunters.



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Read "What Comes Alive at Night?" and then answer the questions.

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- (A) My dog likes to go to the dog park.
- (B) I had an interesting dream last night.
- (C) I have a cat that likes to explore at night.
- (D) I get scared by the dark.

2. What can cats hear?

- (A) a high pits
- (B) a high pitch
- (C) a high stitch
- (D) a high pit

3. Where are most people at night?

- (A) in bed
- (B) in bid
- (C) in bad
- (D) in bud

4. Which statement about owls and cats is true?

- (A) Owls and cats are good hunters.
- (B) Owls and cats are nocturnal.
- (C) Owls and cats have strong hearing and vision.
- (D) all of the above

5. Which summary best describes the text?

- (A) Nocturnal animals can only survive at nighttime.
- (B) Owls are nocturnal. They are good at hunting at night.
- (C) Nocturnal animals are awake at night and sleep during the day. They have strong senses to help them hunt.
- (D) Owls and cats hunt at night. This means they are nocturnal.

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Write about a time when you noticed a nocturnal animal. What did the animal look like? What was it doing?

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