My Owl Fact File

Read the owl fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw an owl

Owl facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. bird of prey ____	A. the round, dish-shaped face that helps an owl collect sound
2. nocturnal ____	B. a bundle of bones and fur that an owl coughs up
3. talons ____	C. active mostly at night
4. pellet ____	D. a bird that hunts other animals using sharp talons and a hooked beak
5. facial disc ____	E. the sharp, curved claws on an owl's feet

The most amazing thing I learned about owls

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Answer Key

Owl Fact File

Owl facts

Scientific name:	Order Strigiformes (200+ species)
Size:	About 5 in to 28 in long
Weight:	About 1 oz to 9 lb, by species
Lifespan:	Great horned: up to 28 yrs (wild)
Diet:	Rodents, birds, insects, fish
Habitat:	Forest, field, desert, tundra, towns
Where:	Every continent except Antarctica
Status:	Varies; barn owl Least Concern

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–D, 2–C, 3–E, 4–B, 5–A

Wow facts to share

- Owls can turn their heads about 270 degrees in either direction.
- Barn owls can catch prey in total darkness, using only their ears.
- The smallest owl, the elf owl, weighs only about 1 ounce (31 g).