

## Wild things

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Read the story about the clever own.



# The Clever Owl

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The brown owl sat on a branch and watched. He was very good at watching. His big eyes blinked. Down below, a white rabbit played in the grass.

The rabbit was very fast. He was too fast to catch. Every time the owl tried to catch the rabbit, the rabbit ran away.

The owl was hungry, but he had to find a way to catch the rabbit. How could he catch the fast rabbit? If he dove down on top of him, the rabbit would see his shadow and dive into his hole. What could he do?



Suddenly, the owl had an idea. His eyes got really big, because he was excited. A moment later, he took off flying.

When the owl was flying, he made sure to stay away from the rabbit. The owl didn't want the rabbit to know he was coming. Then, when he came close to the rabbit, he stretched out his body to change the shape of his shadow!

The white rabbit stopped eating grass and looked. Suddenly, there was a black rabbit next to him. The white rabbit stared. He didn't know there was a black rabbit near his home. It looked like he could make a new friend!

Without warning, the black rabbit disappeared, and in its place was the owl. The rabbit cried out and tried to run for his hole, but the owl was waiting for him. The rabbit ran right into the owl's claws and became his dinner.

Sometimes, when you try something new, you can surprise yourself and others.

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Answer questions about the clever owl.

a. What colour is the clever owl?

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b. Why could the owl not catch the rabbit?

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c. Why did the owl's eyes get really big?

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d. Why did the owl stay away from the rabbit when it was flying?

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e. Did the owl catch the rabbit for dinner?

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