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OWLS & FROGMOUTHS

Different owls make different sounds. I think it's pretty obvious why Nina's species is called the Barking Owl. "WOOF, WOOF".

* Xavier told us there are 2 types of owls in Australia:

HAWK OWLS (NINOX OWLS) and **MASKED OWLS** (TYTO OWLS).

* Which type is Nina? _____

* Hawk owls are **CARNIVOROUS** (meat eating) and hunt for

* What unique features does Nina have to help track and catch PREY? How do they use these features?

* Xavier and Luca were both wearing a tough leather glove to feed Nina and Nino.

Why? _____

* Such big eyes they have. Why? If their eyes don't move, how do owls track their food?



Here is a website where you can read the Dreamtime story of Weemulee the Owl and how the owl got such big eyes.

You might find some other interesting Dreamtime stories in other places too.

It's part of the history of this land.

Owls have come to symbolise many different things in many cultures throughout the world from mystery and wisdom, to threat and power. Some Australian Aboriginal groups regard owls as the sacred spirits of women – good owls. Some other cultures regard them as witches in disguise – bad owls.

* BARN OWLS are examples of MASKED OWLS and are the most widely found owls in the world, on every continent except _____

* They have a dish shaped face which helps them do what?

* They also have smaller claws, called _____ that are best suited to catch and kill their favourite food which is _____

* They are known as “the ultimate STEALTH (OR SILENT) PREDATOR”. Why?

What special ADAPTATION do they have that gives them this incredible ability?

* From fluffy little pom-pom to looking like a tree branch – The TAWNY FROGMOUTH is NOT an owl. It is a _____

* Like owls they are night hunters (NOCTURNAL) but eat _____

* What are some of their interesting features to help them in their environment?

* Hard to see especially in daytime, they are the masters of CAMO_____.

* Where might you see them at night?



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