

What are Diurnal Animals?

Diurnal animals are awake and active during the day! They sleep at night just like you do. These animals love the sunshine and spend their day looking for food, playing, or exploring. Some diurnal animals you might know are birds, butterflies, squirrels, and bees. When the sun shines, you'll see diurnal animals busy with daily activities. Once it gets dark, they sleep to rest for the next day.

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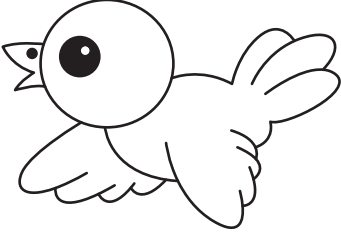



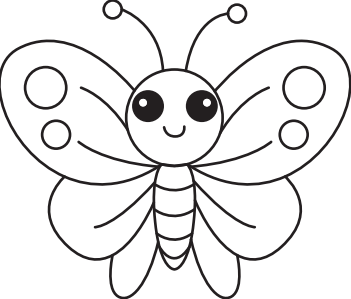
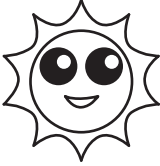
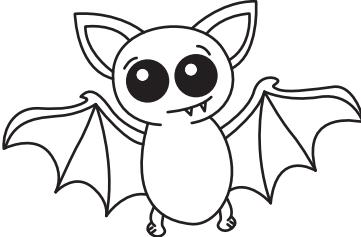





Nocturnal animals are the night explorers! They sleep during the day and come out when it's dark outside. These animals have special eyes and ears that help them see and hear in the dark. Owls, bats, raccoons, and hedgehogs are all nocturnal animals. When we go to bed at night, these animals wake up and are ready to start their adventure!

FUN FACTS:

- ▶ Some animals, like deer and rabbits, are crepuscular, which means they are most active during dawn (early morning) and dusk (late evening).
- ▶ Owls have super eyes!
Owls are nocturnal animals that can see well in the dark. Their eyes are like powerful flashlights, helping them spot tiny animals even when it's pitch black outside.
- ▶ Butterflies love the sunshine!
Butterflies are diurnal animals that need the sun's warmth to fly. They often rest with their wings closed to stay warm when it's too cold or rainy.
- ▶ Bats use their ears to "see."
Bats are nocturnal and have amazing hearing. They use sound to help them find food at night! This process is called "echolocation," and it's like a secret radar.
- ▶ Squirrels are busy during the day!
Squirrels are diurnal and spend their days climbing trees, finding nuts, and storing food for winter. When the sun sets, they curl up in their nests to sleep.
- ▶ Raccoons wear a "mask."
Raccoons are nocturnal and have dark fur around their eyes that resembles a mask. This fur helps reduce the glare of lights at night, allowing raccoons to see better when they go on their nighttime food hunt.
- ▶ Some animals can be both!
Animals like rabbits and deer are crepuscular, which means they like to be active during dawn (early morning) and dusk (late evening). It's like having two playtimes!
- ▶ Owls can turn their heads!
An owl can turn its head almost all the way around to look behind it. This helps them spot food in the dark, even if it's moving quietly.
- ▶ Birds sing during the day!
Many diurnal birds love to chirp and sing in the morning. They wake up early to look for food, build nests, and enjoy the sunshine.

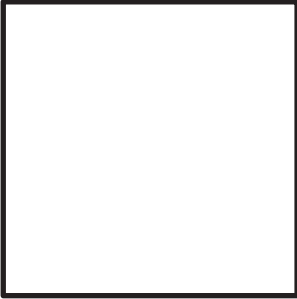
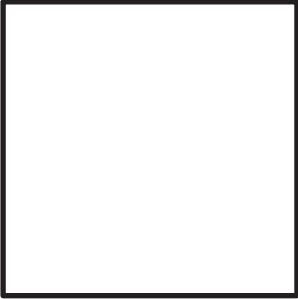
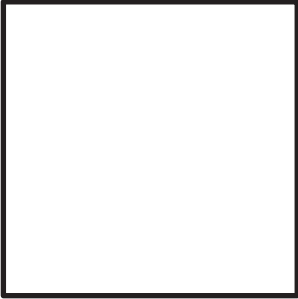
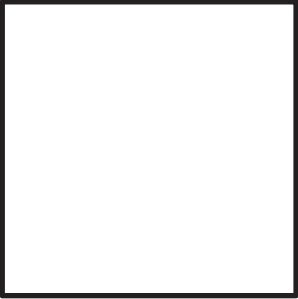
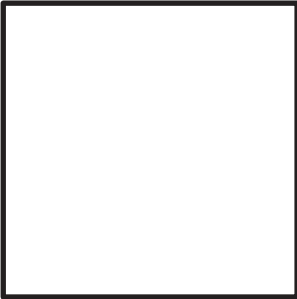
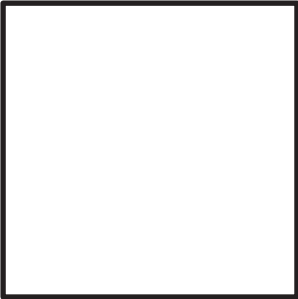
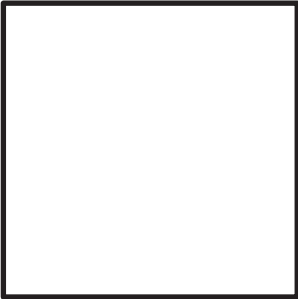
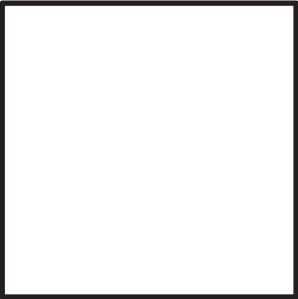
Daytime and Nighttime Animal Matching

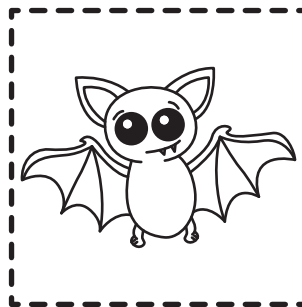
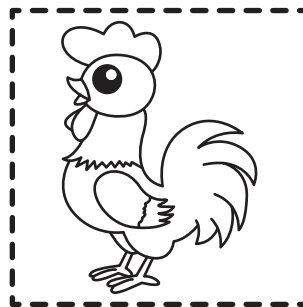
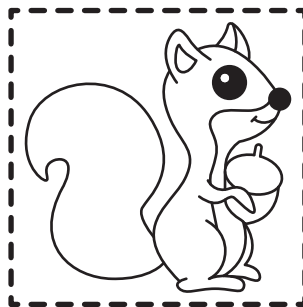
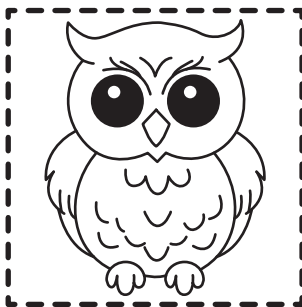
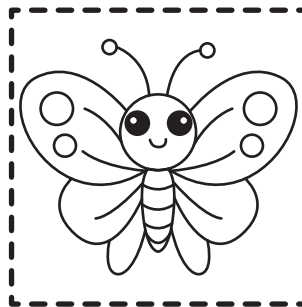
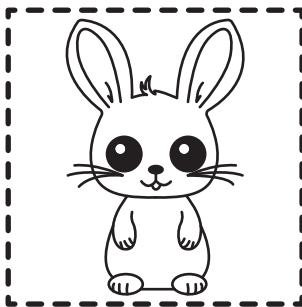
Instructions: Draw lines to match the diurnal animals to the sun and the nocturnal animals to the moon and stars.

DAYTIME ANIMALS (DIURNAL)	NIGHTTIME ANIMALS (NOCTURNAL)
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  <p data-bbox="245 1491 421 1529">Butterfly</p>	  <p data-bbox="979 1491 1051 1529">Bat</p>
  <p data-bbox="312 2063 464 2101">Squirrel</p>	  <p data-bbox="991 2063 1062 2101">Fox</p>

Cut and Paste Daytime and Nighttime Animals

Instructions: Cut out images of animals below and paste them into two columns: "Daytime (Diurnal)" or "Nighttime (Nocturnal)".
Color each animal after sorting..

DAYLIGHT (DIURNAL)		NIGHTTIME (NOCTURNAL)	
			
			



Diurnal vs. Nocturnal Animal Fill-in-the-Blank

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the words from the word bank to complete the sentences.

WORD BANK

DIURNAL

NOCTURNAL

DAY

NIGHT



1. The bat is a _____ animal. It flies around during the _____.



2. The lion is a _____ animal. It hunts during the _____.



3. The rabbit is a _____ animal. It is active during the _____.



4. The owl is a _____ animal. It hunts during the _____.



5. The butterfly is a _____ animal. It flies around during the _____.



6. The raccoon is a _____ animal. It searches for food during the _____.



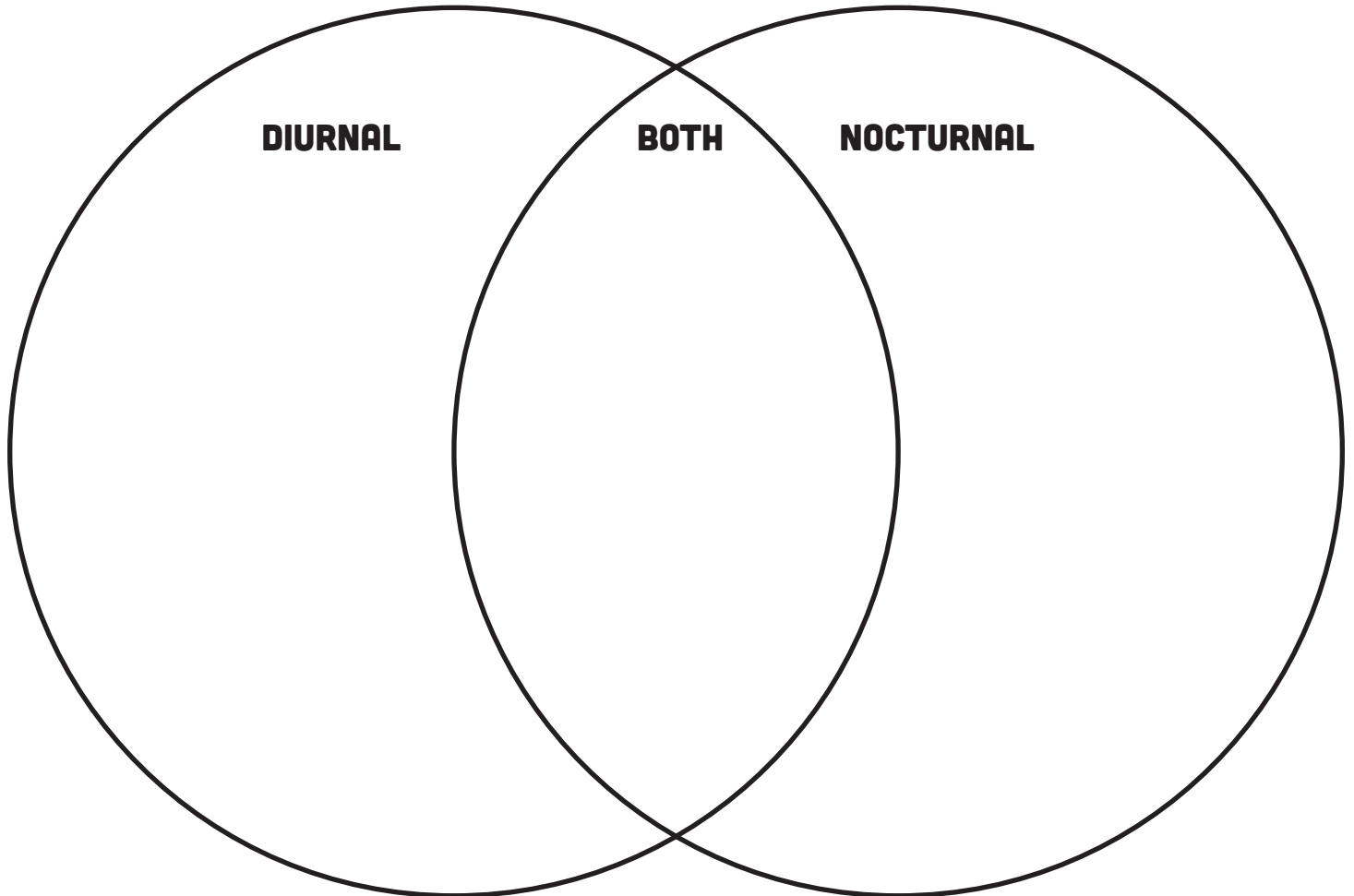
7. The deer is a _____ animal. It grazes during the _____.



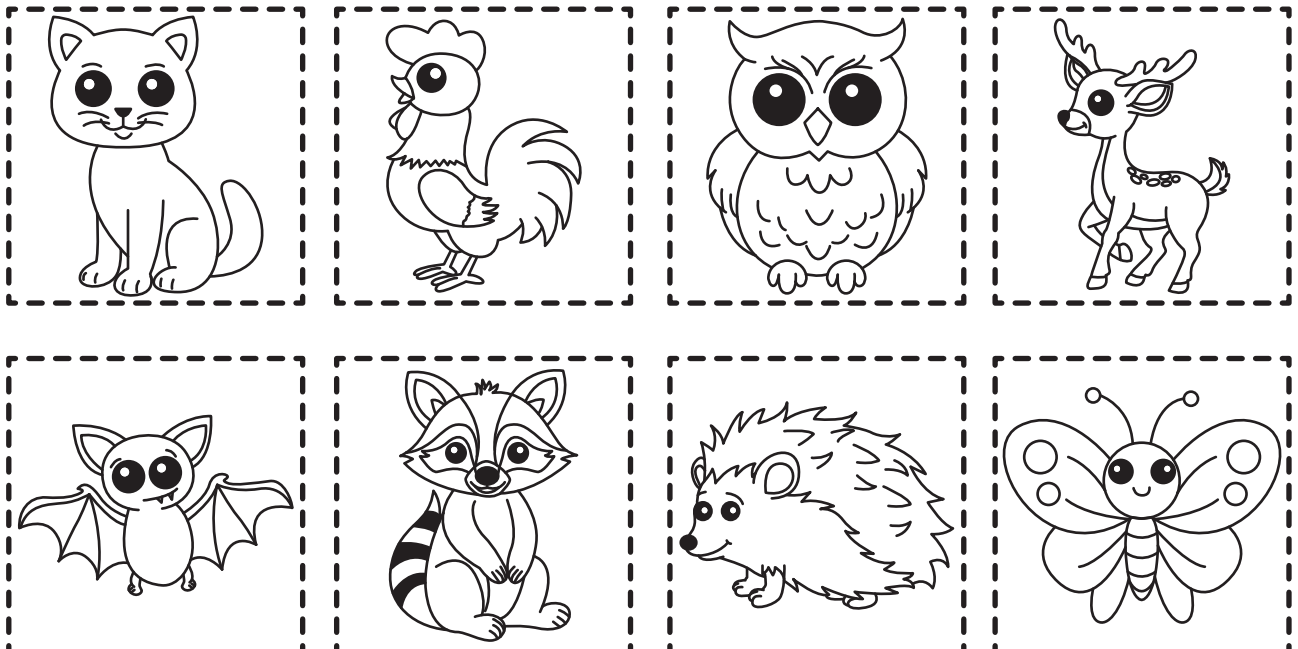
8. The firefly is a _____ animal. It lights up during the _____.

Animal Sorting Venn Diagram

Instructions: Cut out pictures of animals and place them in the section of a venn diagram.



Fun fact: Some animals are crepuscular, meaning they are active at dusk and dawn.



Fill-in-the-Blanks

Animal Facts

Instructions: Use the word bank to fill in the blanks with the correct facts about diurnal and nocturnal animals.

WORD BANK

NOCTURNAL

DIURNAL

NIGHT

DAY

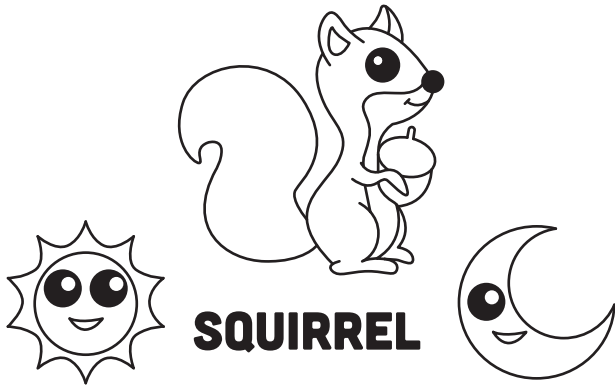
AWAKE

SLEEP

1. A _____ sleeps during the day and is awake at night.
2. Nocturnal animals like the fox hunt during the _____.
3. Animals that are active during the _____ are called diurnal.
4. Owls are nocturnal animals because they are _____ and active at night, hunting for their prey.
5. Diurnal animals _____ at night.
6. Bats are _____ and they hunt insects in the dark.
7. Squirrels are _____ animals that are active during the day.
8. Roosters are _____ creatures, which means they are active during daylight hours.

Daily Routine of Diurnal and Nocturnal Animals

Instructions: Use the word bank to fill in the blanks with the correct facts about diurnal and nocturnal animals.



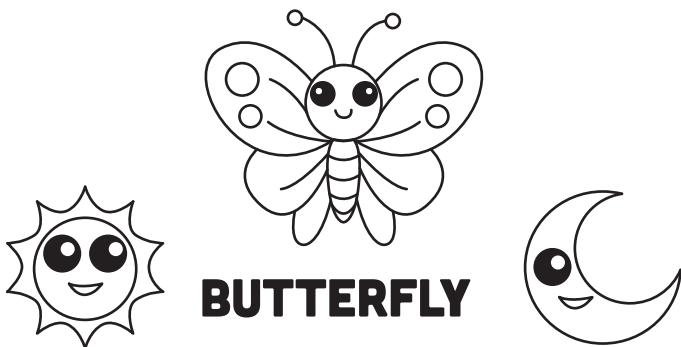
SQUIRREL

- Hunts at night
- Sings in the morning
- Sleeps during the day
- Active in the afternoon
- Looks for food at dawn
- Rests at night



OWL

- Hunts at night
- Sings in the morning
- Sleeps during the day
- Active in the afternoon
- Looks for food at dawn
- Rests at night



BUTTERFLY

- Hunts at night
- Sings in the morning
- Sleeps during the day
- Active in the afternoon
- Looks for food at dawn
- Rests at night



HEDGEHOG

- Hunts at night
- Sings in the morning
- Sleeps during the day
- Active in the afternoon
- Looks for food at dawn
- Rests at night

True or False

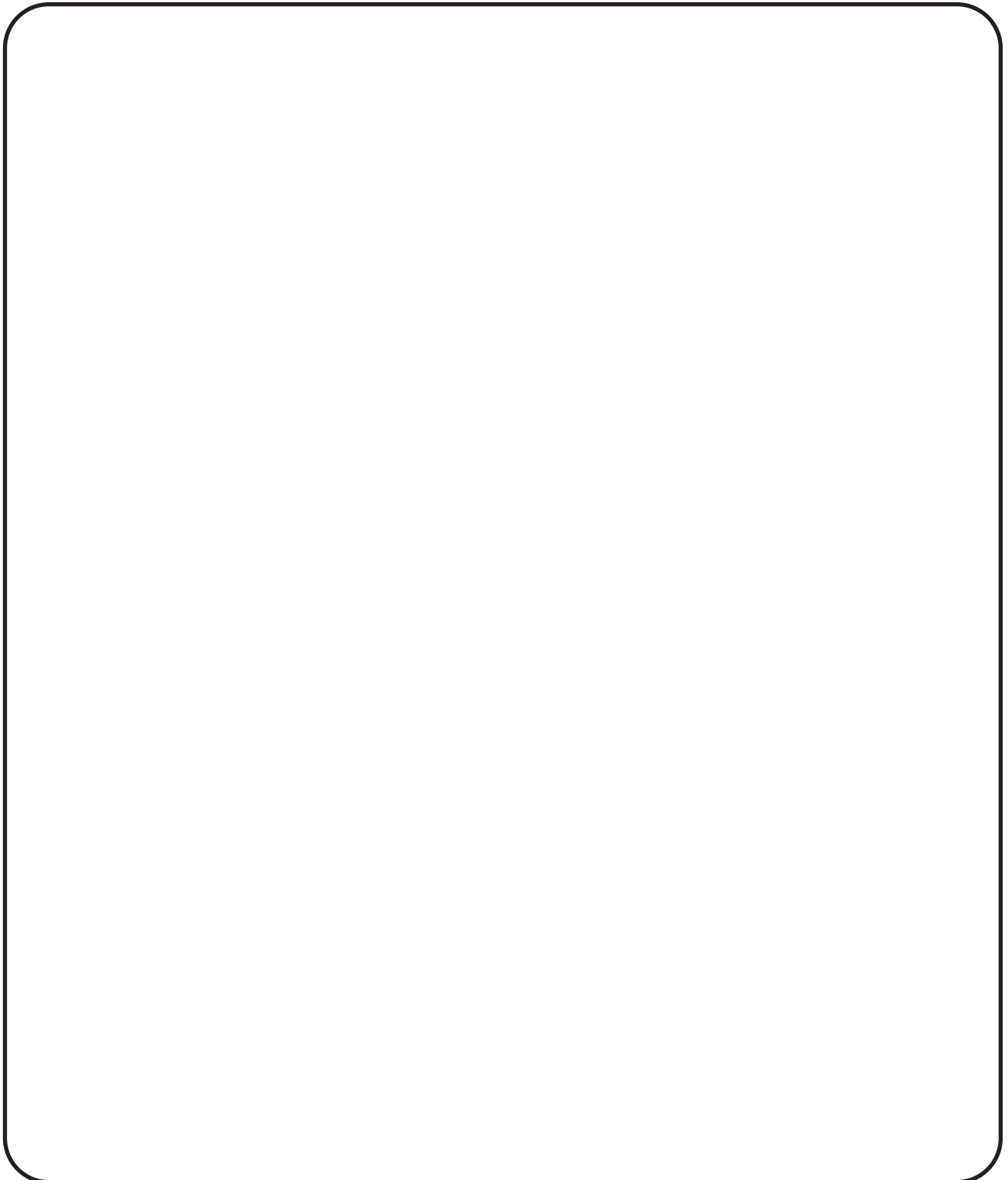
Diurnal and Nocturnal Animals

Instructions: Mark the box with a check if the statement is true, and mark it with a cross if the statement is false.

1. The owl is a nocturnal animal.
2. The rabbit is active during the night.
3. The bat is a diurnal animal.
4. The squirrel is awake during the day.
5. The hedgehog is a nocturnal animal.
6. The deer is active at night.
7. The raccoon is a diurnal animal.
8. The butterfly is awake during the day.

Draw Your Favorite Diurnal and Nocturnal Animal

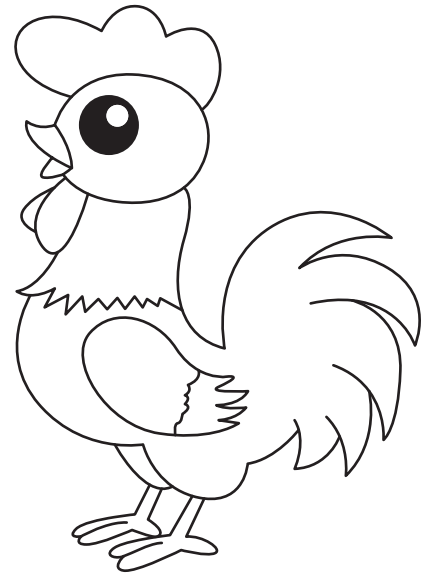
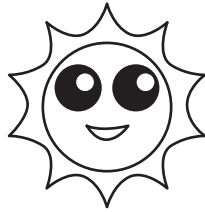
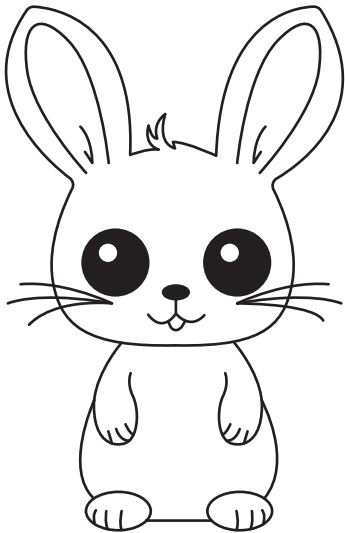
Instructions: Create a drawing of either a diurnal or nocturnal animal and add color to it. Once finished, label the drawing as either diurnal or nocturnal and include one fact about the animal's behavior.



Diurnal and Nocturnal Animal Tracing & Coloring

Instructions: Trace the names of daytime and nighttime animals beneath their pictures. Once traced, color the animals.

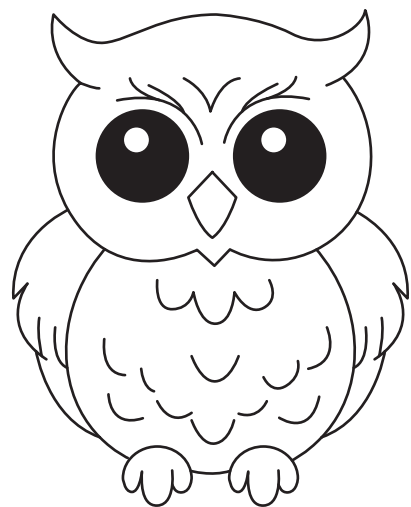
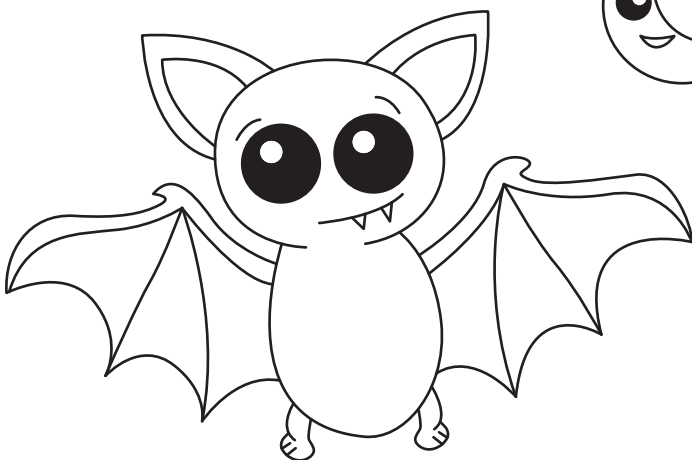
DIURNAL



RABBIT

ROOSTER

NOCTURNAL



BAT

OWL

