

# Knight Owl

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**Synopsis:** Owl works hard to become a knight, but will he be able to call upon a knight's bravery and cleverness when faced with a hungry dragon?

**Suggested Reading Date:** Appropriate for the PBIS traits of Perseverance (January) and Courage (April); also a good tie-in for thematic units around nocturnal animals and birds, or for the International Festival of Owls the first week of March.

### Activity Descriptions:

- Create a list of homophones with the students (for example, knight/night, waist/waste, prints/prince): <https://homophonelist.com/homophones-list/>
- Share jokes and puns where homophones are the punchline ("Why was six afraid of seven? Because seven ATE nine!"). Some Examples: <https://homophonelist.com/homophone-jokes/>
- Because of their shape and how large their eyes are, owls are one of the easier animals to draw—several how-to videos are available online, including this one from Art for Kids Hub: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsDQNYAOitU>

### Related Websites:

- Christopher Denise's website: <https://www.christopherdenise.com/>
- The International Festival of Owls: <https://www.festivalofowls.com/>
- Owls of Washington: <http://naturemappingfoundation.org/natmap/facts/owls.html>
- Knights: <https://www.dkfindout.com/us/history/castles/knights/>

### Text to Text Connections:

- *Amelia Bedelia* series by Peggy Parrish
- *No Reading Allowed* by Raj Haldar (author of *P is for Pterodactyl*)
- *How Much Can a Bare Bear Bear?* By Brian P. Cleary

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