THE RAPTOR QUIZ

The following questions are designed to help children to learn about owls and other raptors, as part of the KS2 Science Curriculum. Guidance for the QCA Objectives and Outcomes has been given further on in this pack.

1. What term is used to mean ‘bird of prey’?
   a) species
   b) prey
   c) raptor

2. Which one of these is not a raptor?
   a) Eagle
   b) Robin
   c) Buzzard

3. All birds of prey have the same kind of beak design. Is it...
   a) hooked
   b) small
   c) long

4. Which part of the bird do the talons belong to?
   a) wings
   b) feet
   c) head

5. Some birds of prey are ‘diurnal’. This means that they are mostly around during the:
   a) day
   b) night
   c) dusk

6. What term is used to describe birds of prey that mostly hunt at night?
   a) diurnal
   b) membrane
   c) nocturnal

7. How do birds of prey catch their food?
   a) with their beaks
   b) with their feet
   c) with beaks and feet

8. How many toes do owls have?
   a) two
   b) three
   c) four

9. Which sense is most highly developed in nocturnal birds?
   a) hearing
   b) sight
   c) smell

10. How do female birds of prey usually compare in size to males?
    a) larger
    b) same size
    c) smaller

11. What term is used for when a bird of prey sits on her eggs?
    a) laying
    b) nesting
    c) incubation

12. Who provides food once the eggs have been laid?
    a) the female bird
    b) the male bird
    c) both

Extension Questions
i. How fast is it possible for a falcon to dive?
ii. What special advantage do owls wings allow?
iii. How far around can owls actually rotate their heads?
iv. Which is the smallest owl in the world?
v. Do owls have teeth?