



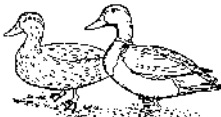
**WE REMEMBER**

Write *T* for *true* or *F* for *false*. If the answer is false, cross out the underlined word. Write a word in the blank that makes the sentence true.

1.  **F** The male mallard's brown feathers in the winter are a protection to him. summer
2.  **T** The great horned owl has a hooked bill.
3.  **F** Only the female mourning dove calls. male
4.  **T** Mallards build their nests near water's edge.
5.  **F** Mallards cough up balls of the fur, feathers, and bones of animals they have eaten. Owls



Write *mourning dove*, *great horned owl*, or *mallard*.

6.  great horned owl
7.  mourning dove
8.  mallard

## Crows

*Caw! caw! caw!* A crow has found a great horned owl asleep in a tree. Soon its loud cries bring more crows to join the fun. They *caw!* loudly and fly around the owl. They know it cannot see well in the daylight and will not catch them. The owl flies to another tree, but it cannot get away from the crows. They follow, *cawing*. The poor owl will not get much rest.

Crows are large, noisy birds that are cousins to the blue jay. They are common in most parts of North America.



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Some people have had crows for pets. They are smart, and like to mimic people.

Once there was a boy named Tom who had a pet crow. Tom didn't like to get up in the morning. His father often had to call him: "Tom, get up!"

The crow heard this. Soon it began to mimic Tom's father. Every morning, very early, while the family was still in bed, the crow would call, "Tom, get up!"

Many farmers do not like crows very well because they eat corn from the farmers' cornfields. But they also eat other things—small animals, seeds, fruits, small birds, insects, and grubs. In fact, crows eat almost anything!

Crows do not like owls. Great horned owls sometimes catch and eat crows at night. But in the day, they cannot catch crows. So if a crow finds a great horned owl during the day, it will tease it, cawing and flying around the owl.

Crows are like great horned owls in one thing. They cough up little balls made of the fur, feathers, and bones of the animals they have eaten. Their bodies cannot use these things.



**Answer these questions.**

9. What is the crow's call?

caw! caw! caw!

10. What do crows eat?

almost anything

11. How do crows tease great horned owls?

They fly around them,  
cawing loudly.



**Look up *crow* in your field guide. Use the guide to help you answer these questions.**

12. About how long is a crow? 17-21 in (43-53 cm)

13. What color is a crow? black



Turn to the back of your LightUnit and use colored pencils to carefully color the crow.



## Lesson 6

## Red-Tailed Hawk

### ***WE REMEMBER***



Write the letter of the correct answer.

1.  d eats small stones to help grind its food
2.  d coos
3.  c caws
4.  o has two tufts of feathers
5.  m a beautiful duck
6.  c will eat almost anything
7.  o hoots
8.  m finds food in the mud at the bottom of the water

- c. crow*
- d. mourning dove*
- e. mallard*
- o. great horned owl*

## Red-Tailed Hawks

Do you remember learning about birds' eyes in LightUnit 204? Do you remember that most birds can see better than people?



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Hawks do a lot of hunting from high in the air. They fly over a field, looking for small animals to eat. Do you think you could see a mouse or rabbit from high in the air? Some people believe that hawks can see better than any other animal.

If you have ever seen a hawk soaring overhead or sitting very still on a fence post, it was probably a red-tailed hawk. Red-tailed hawks are common in most parts of North America. Can you guess how they got their name? The top of a red-tailed hawk's tail is bright reddish-brown.

Red-tailed hawks sometimes soar overhead, hunting for something to eat. Or they may sit on a tree or fence post, waiting for an animal to catch.

They eat rabbits, mice, squirrels, and other small animals. They sometimes eat crows and other birds too. Crows do not like them, and sometimes pester them as they do owls.

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Since hawks swallow pieces of their food whole, their body cannot use some parts. Can you guess what they do with the parts of the food their body cannot use?



**Answer these questions.**

9. What do you think a red-tailed hawk does with the parts of its food that its body cannot use?

It makes them into little balls and coughs them up.

10. What are two ways a red-tailed hawk may hunt?

It may soar in the air or sit on a tree or post.

11. What do you know about a red-tailed hawk's eyesight?

It can see very well.



**Look up *red-tailed hawk* in your field guide. Use the guide to help you answer these questions.**

12. About how long is a red-tailed hawk?

19-25 in (48-63 cm)

△ 13. Do red-tailed hawks live in your area?

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☆ 14. What is the call of a red-tailed hawk?

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Turn to the back of your LightUnit and use colored pencils to carefully color the red-tailed hawk.



**Lesson 7**

**Quiz 1**

### Quiz Time

Are you ready for the quiz? It's time to review what you have learned about birds and to see how much you remember. Study these things.

- Do you know the Study Word?
- Do you know about mourning doves?
- Do you know about great horned owls?
- Do you know about mallards?
- Do you know about crows?
- Do you know about red-tailed hawks?



When you are ready, ask your teacher for Quiz 1.

