



# Let's Find Out About It: Nocturnal and Diurnal Animals


Standard  
Connection:  
ELA.RI.PK4.7  
ELA.RI.PK4.3  
S.LS.PK4.4  
TH.CR1a.1.PK

**Enduring Understanding(s):**

- Light affects people, animals, and things.

**Essential Question(s):**

- How does light affect the way things look?

Materials	Vocabulary	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i></li> <li>• <i>Raccoon on His Own</i></li> <li>• images of nocturnal and diurnal animals sun, and moon (see Resource)</li> <li>• Nocturnal And Diurnal Animals – <i>Who is Awake at Night?</i> (see Resource)</li> </ul>	<p><b>diurnal:</b> awake during the day and asleep at night</p> <p><b>nocturnal:</b> awake at night and asleep during the day</p>	

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**Preparation: Set up materials**

<p>"In <i>Raccoon on His Own</i>, the raccoon family went out to look for food. In <i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i>, the kitten went out to look for food. What do you notice?"</p>	<p>Show illustrations. <b>Children respond.</b></p>
<p>"Raccoons are usually <b>nocturnal</b> animals - they stay awake at night and sleep during the day."</p>	
<p>"Cats are usually <b>diurnal</b> animals - awake during the day and asleep at night."</p>	
<p>"Here are images of <b>nocturnal</b> and <b>diurnal</b> animals. What do you notice?"</p>	<p>Show images. <b>Children respond.</b></p>
<p>"Here are some images of nocturnal and diurnal animals. How can we act like <b>nocturnal</b> and <b>diurnal</b> animals?"</p>	<p>Show images, pausing in places for children to act out the animals' descriptions, i.e., big eyes, sneaking, etc. <b>Children respond.</b></p>