

Owl in the House

Owl was out on his first ever hunting trip when a storm blew up.

A sudden gust of wind made Owl lose his balance and tumble into the chimney.

Owl felt frightened, but the house was warm and calm after the stormy night. He shook his sooty feathers and flew off.



In the hall, Owl stood still and spread his wings.
No wind ruffled his feathers.
There were no smells of trees or grass, earth or rain.
So Owl knew the house was locked up tight, like a big sealed box.

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Do you remember?

Copy these sentences.

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

- I. A sudden gust of _____ made Owl lose his balance. (wind, rain)
- 2. He _____ into the chimney. (jumped, tumbled)
- 3. He felt ______. (warm, cold)
- 4. In the hall, Owl _____ his wings. (spread, cleaned)
- 5. The _____ was locked up tight. (cupboard, house)

More to think about

Read these sentences about the story. Write 'true' or 'not true' for each one.

- I. Owl was quite young.
- 2. It was a stormy night.
- **3.** Owl had been hunting many times before.
- 4. He flew into the house on purpose.
- **5.** His feathers got covered in soot.
- 6. Owl was trapped in the house.

Now try these

- I. What do you think happened next? Write your own ending.
- 2. Pretend that you are trapped somewhere.
 Write some sentences about where you are and how you feel.