

# The Perfect Predator

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Imagine what it would take to be a nocturnal predator at Russell Cave National Monument. What special skills, abilities, or adaptations would make you the ideal nighttime hunter? Use your imagination and create a new species...the perfect nocturnal predator! Answer the following questions and draw an example of your new animal on the back of this paper.

1. What senses would be most important to have to survive at night?
2. How would you stay camouflaged during the daytime?
3. What would you eat? How would you hunt and capture your prey?
4. What would you look like? List the features you would have.
5. You have just described your new nocturnal creature. Give your new species a name!
6. There is a lot of variation within species. For example, humans vary greatly in hair color, eye color, skin color, and body shape. Use your ideas from above to draw a portrait of your new, nocturnal predator. (Draw on back of this paper.)