

A Life of Discovery: The Story of Nova

Learning objective: To understand the features of a biography and retrieve information from a text.

Read the story about Nova the owl carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

Nova is a curious barn owl who lives in a tall oak tree. From a young age, she loved looking at the night sky. While other owls slept, Nova was busy stargazing. She kept a special notebook where she drew maps of the bright stars. When she grew up, Nova moved to a high hill. She built a small observatory so she could see the planets more clearly. Many animals visit Nova to ask her questions. They want to know why the moon changes shape or how far away the sun is. Nova is very happy to help them learn. She believes that asking questions is the best way to grow. Every night, she writes down her new findings in her journal. Because of her hard work, Nova has become the most famous scientist in the forest. She shows everyone that if you are curious, you can learn amazing things about the world around us.

Word bank: Biography: A story about a person's life. · Stargazing: Looking at stars. · Curious: Wanting to learn new things. · Observatory: A place to study the sky.

1. Where does Nova live? (1 mark)

2. What does Nova keep her star maps in? (1 mark)

3. Why do other animals visit Nova? (2 marks)

4. How can we tell that Nova enjoys her work? (2 marks)

5. Do you think being curious is important? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl inside her observatory looking through a telescope at the night sky.



Extension challenge: Write one question you would ask Nova if you visited her at her observatory.