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As the cricket chirps the news that evening is coming, the bees are preparing to sleep—they must gather strength for the next day. Ants take naps during the day so that they can work hard after nightfall too.


In the evening, when the temperature drops, the adder becomes still and prepares to sleep. Squirrel eyes, too, begin to close. These animals of the day have earned their rest, as have the songbirds.



Although its hoot is impossible to miss, when in pursuit of its prey, the eagle-owl is as quiet as a mouse. Hunting at night is no problem: it has excellent distance vision and hears every rustle.

Do you hear that? It's the sound of courtship at the brook! By croaking and babbling, frogs are sure to find a match in their species.

A hedgehog is stomping around on a night-time hunt for food. It uses its cultivated nose to sniff out favourite delicacies, such as worms, insect larvae and snails.



Step up for the night shift! The beaver's dam is needed not only as a storage space, but it also helps to flood the entrance to their burrow and so protects it from predators.

At night, the mink inspects its territory. It marks the boundaries with its scent, to tell other minks that this space is occupied. It is not advisable to toy with a mink: it directs its smelly secretions at enemies, too.

From a distance they look like lights, but actually they are roe deer behinds! A roe deer uses the distinct white spots on its tail to communicate over distance—to signal imminent danger, for instance.

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Come for a walk
in the forest
at night!

Which are the
badger's keenest
senses?

Do wolves howl
at the moon?



Although night has fallen, the mood in the forest is anything but sleepy. Foxes hunt, frogs croak loudly, ants carry on the day's hustle and bustle. Owls observe all the activity from on high. Stroll in the forest at night and hear crickets chirping, nightingales singing and wolves howling. As you do, you will discover how animals find their way in the dark and why being up after sunset suits them.



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