

Before reading

About this book

A family of owls lives next to a family of bats. Despite their differences, they get to know each other and help each other.



During reading

Create a story together in 1-2-3 times

1. Explore the book together

Enjoy the images, be amazed by the story and ask each other the basic questions on every page:

- What do you see? What happens?
- How do you see that?
- What else do you see?

2. Questions to talk about together

- First the owl family sits on the branch. What happens next?
- What causes the owls and bats to fall off the branch? Owls and bats sleep very differently than humans. Do you know an animal that sleeps in a special way?
- If you were an animal, would you want to be able to hang upside down or not? Why? Why not?

3. Think together about what the characters feel, think and say

Choose to be the owl parent or bat parent and/or an owl chick or bat chick. How do they feel during the story? What do they say?

Learn new words together

We thought of these words as we read the story. Look at the words. They mean the same in Dutch and English, but they are written and pronounced differently.

Now choose one of the English words. Can you find the word in the book? Talk about this word together in your preferred language. What do you know about this word? Name as many words as you can that belong to this word (in your preferred language).

Now think of a word that appears in the book and write it down together in both languages. Name everything you know about this word.

English	Dutch	English	Dutch
the owl	de uil	the woodpecker	de specht
the bat	de vleermuis	to move aside	opschuiven
the branch	de tak	curious	nieuwsgierig
to hang	hangen	upside down	ondersteboven
top/bottom	boven/onder	blowing away	wegwaaien
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After reading

Tell me... Continuing to talk together: questions for the oldest reader

The owl and bat are very different but still help each other very well. It is important that people help each other. Tell me about a time you helped someone.

Do an activity together

Can you name as many animals as possible that can hang or walk upside down? How can you stand or hang upside down yourself?