

# HOST A DON'T BLINK! STORYTIME

## BEFORE STARTING THE STORY

Hold up a copy of *Don't Blink!* and ask the audience what they think of the cover. Ask your guests to look very closely at the sleepy owl. Do they notice anything different about him? What makes him different than a regular owl? If they need a hint, ask them to look next to his wing!

## AS YOU READ

Ask your storytime attendees if they've ever had trouble keeping their eyes open while they're trying to do something else. Watching a movie? Listening to a bedtime story? Explain that the owl in this book has the same problem!

Encourage your audience to have a staring contest with the owl. Every time you spot one of your guests blinking, it's time to turn the page! Exaggerate how often (or how infrequently) the children blink by turning the pages very quickly or extremely slowly.

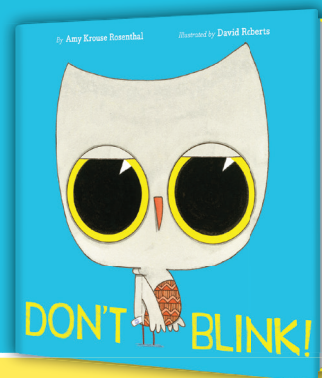
Consider wearing the sleep mask provided in this kit on top of your head as you read. As the owl's eyes close, subtly pull the sleep mask further and further over your eyes. On the last page of the book, your eyes should be completely covered!

## END THE STORYTIME

Read the endpapers.

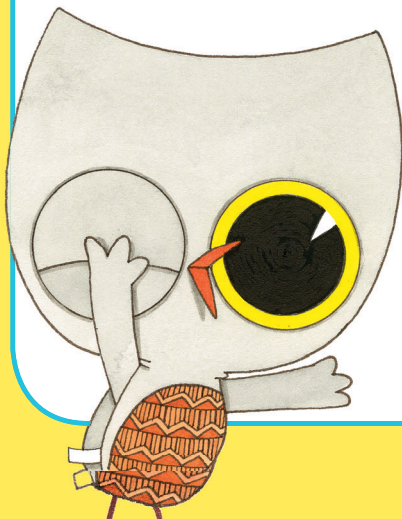
Ask your storytime attendees if they enjoyed the book. Are they feeling a little sleepy? Do they know anyone like the owl who has tried to stay up late when they're too tired? Remind them that we all need sleep, and they won't miss out on any fun by getting shut-eye every night.

When you're done, invite your storytime listeners to complete the activities in this brochure!



# STARING CONTEST!

Sometimes when you STARE at a picture long enough, it changes shape.  
What do you see when you STARE at the picture below?



I don't get  
how this works,  
either!



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# FRIENDS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES!

No, it's not your eyes! Something's wrong with this zebra.  
Using markers, colored pencils, or crayons, color in the zebra below with his missing stripes!



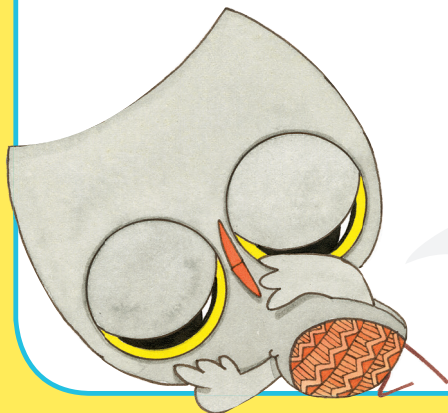
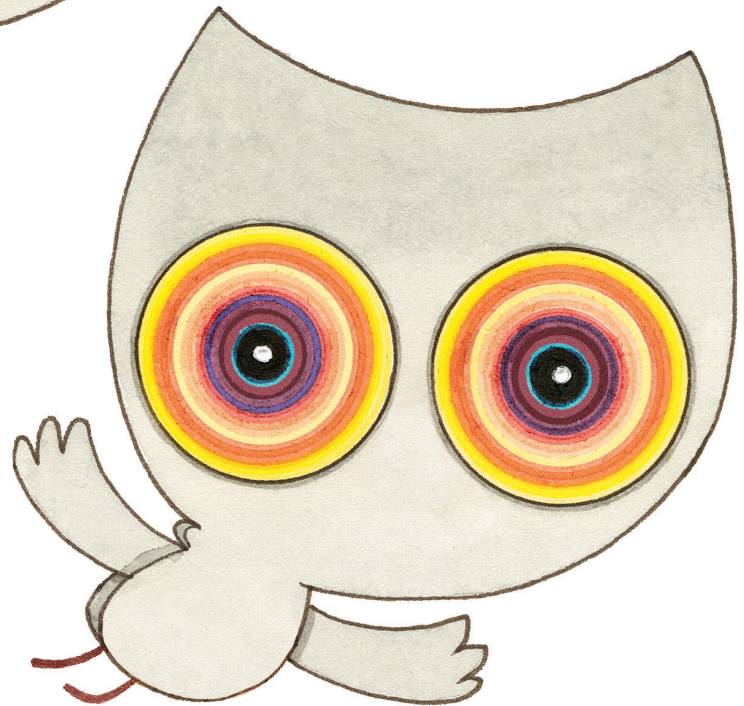
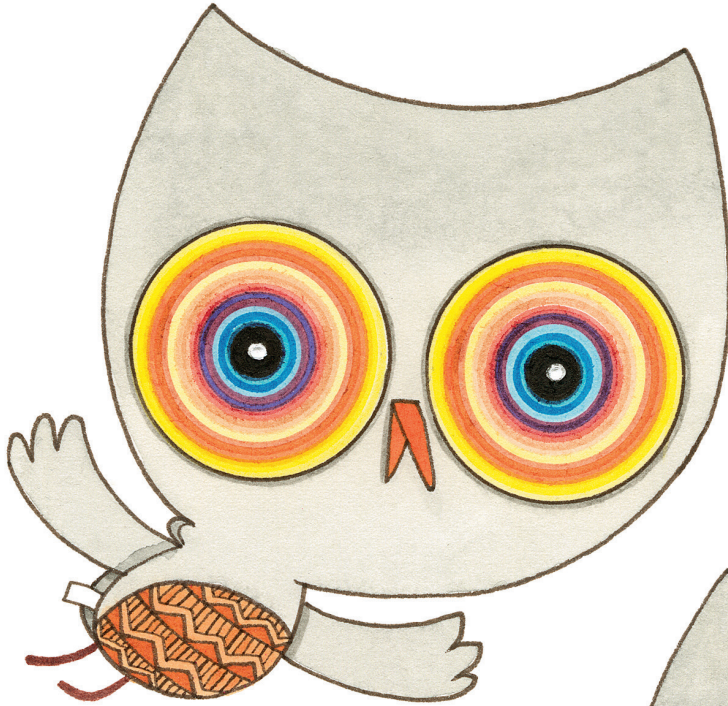
All right.  
Stay calm. We'll  
figure this out  
together!



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# SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

If you STARE at these two pictures long enough, can you circle FOUR differences between the two owls below?



Think. Think.  
How not to  
**BLINK?**



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