

Explaining Fiction

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

'Oh dear,' said Mrs Barn Owl. It was clear that she was going to need a lot of patience. She shut her eyes and tried to think how best she could help Plop not to be afraid. Plop waited.

His mother opened her eyes again. 'Plop, you are only afraid of the dark because you don't know about it. What do you know about the dark?'

'It's black,' said Plop.

'Well, that's wrong for a start. It can be silver or blue or grey or lots of other colours, but almost never black. What else do you know about it?'



1 What does Mrs Barn Owl want to help Plop to do?



2 Why does Mrs Barn Owl think Plop is afraid of the dark?



3 Give **two** colours that Mrs Barn Owl says the night can be.

1. _____

2. _____

