

Foxes

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What do Foxes Look Like?

Foxes have coats of reddish orange fur, with a white underbelly and tail tip. They have pointed ears and a bushy tail, which is sometimes called a **brush**. Foxes snouts are long and pointed, and they have sharp teeth.

Where do Foxes Live?

Foxes live almost anywhere where there is a lot of food.

They can live in the countryside and in towns.

In the country, they make burrows in the ground called **dens**. They often find a den another animal has made and use it themselves.

In towns foxes make dens in anything suitable they can find like cardboard boxes, under old sheds or in un-used basements.



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About Fox Families:

Foxes are mammals which means they are warm blooded, feed their young with milk and their skin is covered in hair fur or wool.

Male foxes are called **dogs** and females are called **vixen**. Vixen have 4-5 babies at a time and they are called **cubs**. A group of foxes is called a **skulk** or **leash** of foxes.

What do Foxes eat?

Foxes are **nocturnal** which means they are mainly active at night. But they can sometimes be seen in the day time, especially if they live in towns.

Foxes are happy to eat almost **anything**. They eat mice, birds, rabbits, earthworms, grasshoppers, beetles, blackberries and dead creatures. In towns they **scavenge** for any food they can find, often taking food from bins.

Foxes often store their food, usually by burying it in a small hole the ground.





What do Badgers look like?

Badgers have white fur with black tips – this makes them look as though they are grey. They have black and white stripes on their head.

Badgers have short legs but they can run very fast. Their sharp claws help them dig into the ground and they move earth out the way with their noses.



Where do Badgers Live?

Badgers are usually found in woodlands. They dig underground burrows, called setts. These are made up of tunnels with one large room for sleeping in.

They usually live in groups of between 4 and 12 badgers.

Badgers keep their setts clean by refreshing their bedding materials every day or two. Badgers make their bedding from moss, grass and leaves.



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About Badger Families:

Male badgers are called **boars** and females are called **sows**. Sows have 2-3 babies at a time and they are called **cubs**.

A group of badgers is called a **cete** of badgers.

What do Badgers eat?

Badgers stay below ground during the day come out at night to hunt for food. They are called **nocturnal mammals**.

Badgers are **omnivorous**, which means they eat almost anything, but they mainly eat **earthworms**. They can eat **hundreds** of them in a night and use their sharp claws to find them hidden in the soil. Badgers also like frogs, mice, slugs, nuts and fruit.

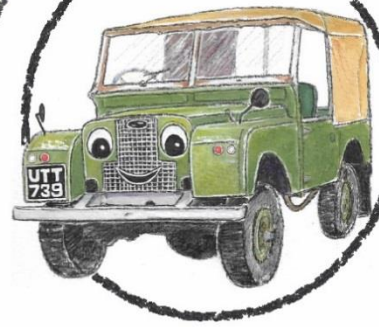
Badgers have a very good **sense of smell** and can smell where food is.



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Finding out more...



Landy has other friends who come to visit him at night – they are called nocturnal animals.



Owls



Hedgehogs



Bats

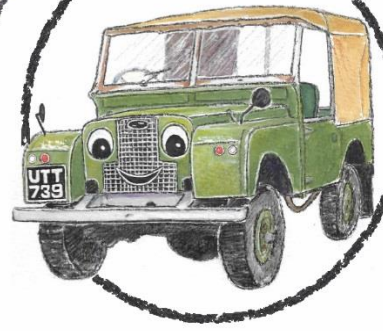
Choose one of these animals and then find out:

- 1) Where they live and if their homes have a name.
- 2) What a group of these animals is called.
- 3) What they like to eat.



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Can you answer these questions?

Badgers and Foxes:

1) What do badgers use their long claws for?

Cross one circle:

☐ playing

☐ digging

☐ tickling

2) What are foxes tails sometimes called?

Cross one circle:

☐ brush

☐ tassel

☐ rope



3) Where are badgers' burrows usually found?

Cross one circle:

☐ fields

☐ woodlands

☐ river banks

4) What are foxes burrows called?

Cross one circle:

☐ dens

☐ tunnels

☐ setts

5) Nocturnal animals are animals that:

Cross one circle:

☐ hunt at midday

☐ hunt at night

☐ sleep at night

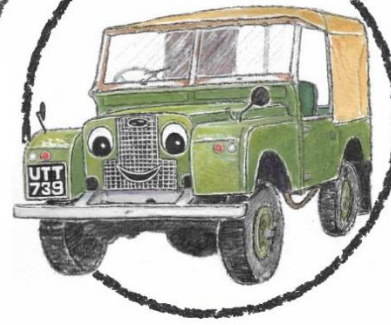
6) Whose paw prints are these? _____



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Can you answer these questions?



7) What do mammals feed their newborn babies?

Cross one circle:



oats



milk

8) Who has 2-3 babies? _____

Who has 4-5 babies? _____



10) Who do these names belong to?

Badgers

Foxes



boar



dog



vixen



cubs



sow



11) What do both badgers and foxes like to eat?

Cross 3 circles:



worms



grass



mice



nuts

12) Badgers can eat of worms in one night.



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- 2) What are foxes tails sometimes called? **brush**
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- 4) What are foxes burrows called? **dens**
- 5) Nocturnal animals are animals that: **hunt at night**
- 6) Whose paw prints are these? **fox**
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Who has 4-5 babies? **foxes**

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