

# Badgers

## What Do Badgers Look Like?

Badgers are mammals. Their bodies are covered in thick white fur which has black tips. This makes them look grey. Their heads have black and white stripes. They have short legs with sharp claws that help them to dig into the ground. They also use their noses to help move the dirt out of the way.

## Where Do Badgers Live?

Badgers live in setts which are large underground burrows. They dig down into the soil to create tunnels, along with one large sleeping room. Most badgers will make their sett in woodlands but they can be found just about anywhere that has a good supply of earthworms!

## What Do Badgers Eat?

Badgers are omnivores which means that they eat both plants and animals. Their favourite treat is a juicy worm. If they can find them, an adult badger can eat several hundred worms in one night. Badgers will also eat small mice, slugs, fruit and nuts. They often find food using their great sense of smell. They are nocturnal, which means that they hunt for food at night and sleep during the day.



### Did You Know?

Badgers can run up to 19mph!

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# Questions

1. Complete the sentence: Badgers are...

Select one.

reptiles

birds

mammals

2. As well as their claws, what do badgers use to help move the soil when they dig? Select one.

their tail

their tummy

their nose

3. Write the letter in the correct box to complete the sentences.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) They dig down into the soil | to create tunnels.       |
| b) Their heads have            | up to 19mph!             |
| c) Badgers can run             | black and white stripes. |

4. If they can find them, how many worms would a badger eat in one night?

Select one.

hundreds

ten

thousands

5. Complete the sentence.

Badgers find food by using their great sense of

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