

Badgers

What Do Badgers Look Like?

Badgers are mammals which means that they are warm blooded, covered in hair and give birth to live young. They are easily recognisable due to their black and white striped faces. Their bodies are covered in white hair which has black tips, making them look grey. They have short legs and sharp claws which they use to dig when looking for food. Badgers are part of the same animal family as otters, ferrets and weasels. They are quite shy but can be brave when they need to be and will fight animals much larger than themselves.

Where Do Badgers Live?

Badgers live in setts which are underground burrows with long tunnels and one large sleeping room. They dig their burrows using their long, sharp claws. Badgers are playful animals and like to live in family groups. When they make a home, it normally consists on one main sett and then several smaller setts nearby that they can use when they are out hunting in the night.

What Do Badgers Eat?

The main food that badgers eat is earthworms, which makes up around 80% of their diet. They can eat several hundred worms each night. Badgers are omnivores which means that they eat plants and animals, from fruit to chicken's eggs. Badgers are also nocturnal which means they hunt at night and sleep during the day. They have a keen sense of smell to help them find food.

Did You Know?

A badger's sense of smell is more than 700 times stronger than ours!



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Questions

1. Badgers are mammals. This means that they are warm blooded, give birth to live young and are covered in...

Select one.

scales

feathers

hair

2. What do badgers use their claws for? Select one.

jumping

digging

climbing

3. Name two things a badger eats.

4. What does 'nocturnal' mean?

5. How many more times stronger is a badger's sense of smell than ours?

6. What do you think it would be like to be nocturnal? How would you spend the night?