

# Badgers

## What Do Badgers Look Like?

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## Where Do Badgers Live?

Badgers live in setts. This is an underground burrow that they dig using their claws. They live in family groups. Their burrows have long tunnels with one large room for sleeping in.

## What Do Badgers Eat?

Badgers are nocturnal. This means that they hunt for food at night and sleep during the day. Badgers will eat most things but mostly like to eat worms. They use their sharp claws to find the worms hidden in the soil. Badgers will also eat small mice, slugs, fruit and nuts.



**Did You Know?**  
Baby badgers are called cubs.

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# Questions

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a basket

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## 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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Circle one.

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birds

mammals

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their tummy

their nose

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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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Tick one.

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 feathers  
 hair

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**Children's own response.**