



Resource Cards:

Animal Match

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mole



I have velvety fur and am very good at digging and tunnelling underground.
My front paws make excellent spades and my long snout helps to loosen the soil.

My home is a tunnel or fortress.

I live underground in my network of tunnels and chambers. You can sometimes see piles of soil on the ground after I have been digging.
At the end of my tunnel is a large chamber for nesting and sleeping which is lined with warm, dry leaves and grass.



I like to eat juicy earthworms and minibeasts living in the soil.
I can detect them falling into one of my tunnels using my very sensitive whiskers and hairs on my tail.

The males are called boars
The females are called sows.
A group of us is called a labour.



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squirrel

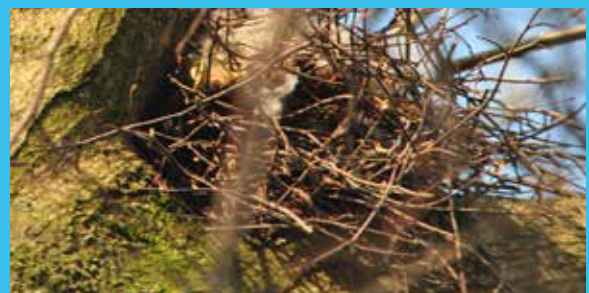


I have strong feet, sharp claws
and a big bushy tail to help me
climb and balance.

I'm a very acrobatic animal.

My home is called a
drey.

My home is a football
shaped nest made of twigs,
leaves, dry grass and shredded
bark and can often be found in
the fork of a tree.



I like to eat acorns, nuts, seeds,
fungi, tree bark, leaves and shoots.
In the autumn I hide (cache) food so
that I have enough to eat through
the winter. I do not hibernate.

A male is known as a buck.
A female is known as a doe.
A baby is known as a kit,
kitten or pup.



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badger



I am nocturnal and easy to recognise
with my striking black and
white patterned face.
I have a very good sense of smell,
which helps me to find food,
detect danger and identify my friends.

My home is called a
sett.

I live with others in our maze
of underground tunnels,
and I have my own bedroom
made of grass and dry leaves.



I like to eat lots of things including
earthworms, slugs, insects,
small mammals, fruit and scraps.

The male is called a boar.
The female is called a sow.
A baby is called a cub.
Our Welsh name is moch yn daear
which translates to earth pig.



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hedgehog



I have spikes on my back and like to curl up in a ball when I feel threatened.

I'm mostly active at night and have surprisingly long legs in comparison to my small body, which help me to climb, run and swim.

My home is called a nest.

I hibernate during winter and like to curl up in a nest.

It might be made of leaves and grass, amongst a pile of logs or even a nice wooden nest box.



I'm not a fussy eater;
I enjoy mostly beetles,
caterpillars, earthworms and slugs,
and may eat the odd bird's egg or frog.

A male is called a boar.
A female is called a sow.
A baby is called a kit.



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fox



I have a good sense of smell,
sharp teeth, good eyesight and
excellent hearing.

My strong legs help me to run fast
and catch my prey.

My home is called a den or an earth.

I have a few dens within my territory,
most of them were dug out by
other animals. I use the biggest
den in the winter and the others for
emergencies or storing food.



I will eat lots of different things,
such as small birds, rabbits, frogs,
beetles, berries and interesting things
I find in people's rubbish bins.

A female is called a vixen.
A male is called a dog.
A baby is called a cub, pup, or kit.