

# Nocturnal Animals

Nocturnal animals are ones that are awake during the night and asleep during the day. You might think that's a little silly - can you imagine getting up in the dark to play with your friends and eat your dinner? But that is how nocturnal animals live. Read on to find out more about these fascinating beasts.



**Fox**

Foxes can live in forests, cities or even in the snow (those foxes are called Arctic' foxes). They eat small mammals, as well as fruit, and they have whiskers all over their body - not just on their face!



**Badgers**

Badgers live underground in a home called a 'sett', but they come out as soon as it is dark to look for food. They can't see very well, but they are good at smelling.



**Hedgehog**

Hedgehogs are prickly creatures! They have between 5000 and 7000 spines, which are made of the same material as our fingernails.



**Bats**

Did you know that bats are the only mammals that can fly? There are over 1000 types of bat, including the fruit bat, the micro bat and the blood-sucking vampire bat!



# Questions

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- Foxes make good pets.
- Foxes eat fruit.

3. Match the animals to the statements. One has been done for you.

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Bat	can fly
Hedgehog	sometimes lives in the city

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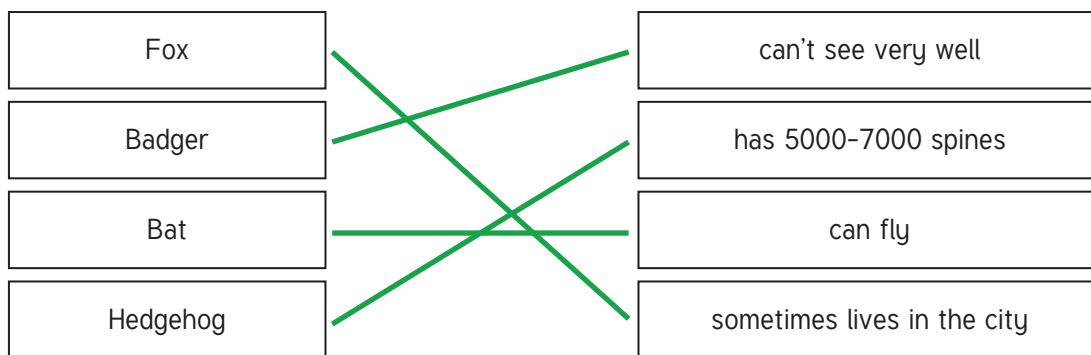
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