

Hedgehogs: Q & A Worksheet

Are there many different types of hedgehogs?

There are over 16 species of hedgehog. They live in every part of the world except Antarctica.

Are hedgehogs nocturnal?

They sleep during the day and come out at night. They also hibernate from November to March. You don't often see them in winter or during the day.

When do hedgehogs hibernate?

Hedgehogs hibernate in cold climates. In deserts hedgehogs don't hibernate. Instead they sleep when it is hot and stay active when it is mild.

What do hedgehogs eat?

Insects - but they eat anything they find.

Are hedgehogs blind?

No, but they have poor eyesight.

What are hedgehogs good at?

They are expert climbers and very good swimmers

Do hedgehogs have good hearing?

Yes, they hear very well. Their sense of smell is good, too. They use hearing and smell when they are hunting.

When do hedgehogs curl into a ball?

When they are in danger. They also sleep this way.

Which are the biggest hedgehogs?

Hedgehogs are not big. (The image above shows their size relative to a cup of tea).



The biggest hedgehogs are around 20 cm and weigh around 600 grams.

True or False?

1. There are less than ten types of hedgehogs.
2. All hedgehogs hibernate.
3. Hedgehogs eat insects
4. Hedgehogs can swim and climb

5. Hedgehogs have good hearing
6. Hedgehogs sometimes curl up
7. There are some very big hedgehogs
8. They weigh up to 2 kilograms
9. Hedgehogs are nocturnal