

Foxes *Worksheet*

How many different types of fox are there?

There are 27 different breeds or types of fox!

The biggest and best-known is the red fox. There is also the arctic or snow fox. But foxes live in many different climates - from warm north Africa to the icy Arctic.

Are all foxes red?

No, some 'red' foxes are brown, black or silver. Even foxes from the same litter can be different colours.



Where do foxes live?

They like to live in woodland, on farms and other parts of the countryside. Urban foxes live in towns and cities. You find them in gardens, parks and cemeteries.

Where do they sleep?

They like to sleep in underground burrows. These are called 'earths'.

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Where in the world are there foxes?

There are foxes in most of the northern hemisphere. You can find them in Europe, North America and Japan. European foxes came to America in the 1600s. They came to Australia (1800) with the British.

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What do foxes eat?

Everything! They prefer meat but they also eat nuts, berries and any sort of fruit.

Are they good at hunting?

Foxes have excellent sight, smell and hearing. Unlike other mammals, the red fox is able to hear low-frequency sounds. This help them hunt small animals, even when they are underground!



Are foxes nocturnal?

Red foxes are nocturnal, but are sometimes active during the day.

The Fennec fox uses its big ears to hunt at night. Fennecs foxes live in the hot African deserts.

Do foxes kill for fun?

No. Foxes only kill for food. They will sometimes kill a prey and bury it for later. This is because some nights they will not have prey to hunt.

In stories foxes are usually clever but 'bad'. This is not right. Foxes are very intelligent but they are not naturally wicked

Are most people scared of foxes?

No, but chickens are! In a survey of 4,000 people in the UK 65% of people said they liked foxes.

Quick Check: True or False

1. The red fox is the smallest fox.
2. Snow foxes live in the Arctic.
3. Foxes don't live in warm places
4. Some foxes live in parks
5. Foxes sleep in 'earths'.
6. Foxes live in the north of the world.
7. Foxes don't like fruit
8. Foxes kill for food
9. Foxes see and hear very well.
10. The Fennec fox is not nocturnal

[Answers](#)



The Cape Fox

The Cape fox is a small [fox](#).

It has black or silver gray [fur](#) with yellow underneath. The tip of its tail is always black.

The Cape fox is 45 to 61 cm long, not including a 30 to 40 cm tail. It is 28 to 33 cm (11-13 inch) tall at the shoulder, and usually weighs from 3.6 to 5 kg.

Activity

Write down all the facts you know about the Cape fox under these headings: Colours * Length (how long) * Height (how tall) * Weight.

Draw a (bigger) table like this

Type of Fox	Colours	Length	Weight
Cape Fox			

* Now find the same information about two more types fox. Complete the