

Animals That Dig

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Some animals dig holes or tunnels under the ground. The holes and tunnels are called burrows. Many of those animals live in burrows and have babies there.

Moles dig burrows. Moles live in burrows most of the time. They catch earthworms to eat.

Chipmunks dig large burrows. A chipmunk stores food in its burrow. The chipmunk also makes its nest there.

In the winter, groundhogs hibernate in burrows. In the spring, they come out and look for food to eat.

Prairie dogs dig burrows called towns. Groups of prairie dogs live together in these burrows.

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For questions 1–4, please circle the correct answer.

1. Some animals dig holes or tunnels under the ground. What are these holes and tunnels called?

- A) burrows
- B) caves
- C) nests

2. The text describes burrows and the animals that make them. What animal lives in its burrow most of the time?

- A) groundhogs
- B) moles
- C) chipmunks

3. Moles live in burrows most of the time. Prairie dogs live together in groups in burrows. What does this information tell us about moles and prairie dogs?

- A) They use burrows in very different ways.
- B) Both moles and prairie dogs live in groups.
- C) They use burrows in a similar way.

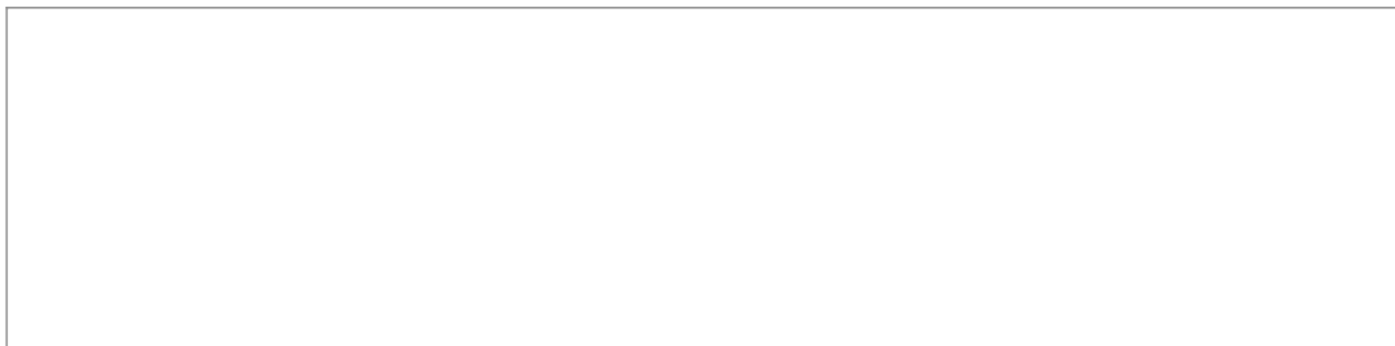
4. What is “Animals That Dig” mainly about?

- A) animals that live in burrows
- B) characteristics of burrows
- C) chipmunk burrows

5. What do we call prairie dog burrows?

Prairie dog burrows are called

6. Draw a prairie dog town.



7. What did you learn from "Animals That Dig"?

8. Class Discussion Question: Why are burrows important places for some animals?
Use information from the text to support your answer.