

Hedgehogs have lots of sharp spines all over their backs. If they are in danger they roll up into a tight ball. This makes it very hard for another animal to attack it.



Hedgehogs sleep during the day and come out to feed at night. They like to eat small creatures like insects, worms and snails.

They live in nests made of leaves. A mother hedgehog can have up to 11 babies at one time. Baby hedgehogs are born blind and feed off the milk of their mother for the first few weeks of their lives.



After about 7 weeks living with their mother they leave the nest and set off on their own. There used to be a lot of hedgehogs but they are much rarer today.

Questions

Fill in the missing words:

1. Hedgehogs have lots of sharp on their backs.
2. Hedgehogs sleep during the and come out at
3. Baby hedgehogs feed off their mother's

Try to answer these questions in sentences:

4. What do hedgehogs make their nests out of?
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5. What do hedgehogs eat?
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6. How many babies can a mother hedgehog have at one time?
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Draw a picture of a hedgehog.

Answers

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5. Hedgehogs eat insects, worms and snails.
6. Mother hedgehogs can have up to 11 babies at one time.