

Alpha Level 4

Animal Diggers



A Write the word for each picture.

Word Box

burrow claws female cub bark dig river bank feed



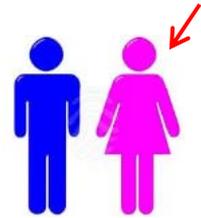
riverbank



bark



dig



female



feed



cub



claws



burrow

B Complete the sentence using words in the box.

Word Box

feed burrow food shelter dig

- 1) Platypuses dig their burrows in the banks of rivers.
make a hole in the ground
- 2) Some of these animals dig burrows for food.
something to eat
- 3) Meerkats live together in big burrows.
a hole under the ground
- 4) Prairie dogs come out of the burrows to feed on grass.
eat food
- 5) All of these animals dig burrows for shelter.
a place to stay and live

C Complete the sentences using words in the box.

Word Box

of nearby for all after on together

- 1) Prairie dogs **feed** on grass. feed on
- 2) Platypus females **look** after babies in the burrow _____
- 3) If there is no food nearby, the meerkats leave. _____
- 4) There are **lots** of ways in and out. _____
- 5) Some of these animals dig burrows for food. _____
- 6) Rabbits live together in warrens. _____
- 7) All of these animals dig burrows for shelter. _____

D Write your own sentences using the same pattern.

'Some' means 'not all'.

Some of the animals dig burrows for food.

'All' means '100%'.

All of the animals dig burrows for shelter.

- 1) I ate all of my lunch.
I finished it.



- 2) some of the flowers are pink.
There are pink, blue and green flowers.



- 3) The boy will do some of his homework.
He can NOT finish.



A Answer the following questions.

- 1) Why do meerkats leave their burrows to find new ones? (pg. 5)
 - a) Because the babies grow big.
 - b) Because there is no food nearby.
- 2) How do meerkats make their home? (pg. 5)
 - a) They always dig new burrows.
 - b) They often use burrows that have been already made.
- 3) What else badgers do in their burrows? (pg. 9)
 - a) They hunt and store their food.
 - b) They lay eggs and look after their babies.
- 4) Where do platypuses dig their burrow?(pg. 11)
 - a) In the side of snow
 - b) In the bank of river
- 5) When do prairie dogs bark? (pg. 15)
 - a) When they find food nearby.
 - b) When they warn each other of danger.

B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.

- 6) All of these animals dig burrows for food. T / F
- 7) Meerkats often use burrows that have been made by others. T / F
- 8) Rabbits' warren has many ways in and out. T / F
- 9) Platypuses dig their burrows in the side of hills. T / F
- 10) Prairie dogs usually live alone. T / F

C Write the book report

What do animal diggers do?	All animal diggers <u>dig burrows</u> .
Why do they dig?	For <u>shelter</u> and for <u>food</u>
 <u>meerkat</u>	They <u>move and find new burrows</u> for food.
 <u>rabbit</u>	Their warren has <u>many burrows</u> .
 <u>badger</u>	They have large <u>claws</u> and dig <u>fast</u> .
 <u>platypus</u>	The female lays <u>eggs</u> in the burrow.
 <u>Polar bear</u>	The female and cubs leave her den <u>in the spring</u>
 <u>prairie dog</u>	They <u>bark like dogs</u> if there's any danger.

Word Box

prairie dog badger meerkat platypus polar bear rabbit
 shelter claws eggs many burrows food
 Bark like dogs move and find new burrows dig burrows in the spring fast

D Write and Speak

<What is your pet's home? If you don't have any, imagine one!>

The animals in the book dig burrows and make their home.
 But my pet doesn't dig any burrows.

My pet is _____
What animal is your pet? And the name of your pet?

It lives _____
What is its home?

It _____
what does your pet do?