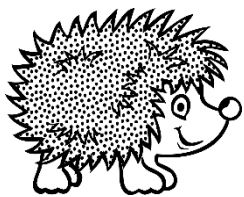


# Hedgehogs Matter - Environmental Worksheet 12b



## Bet you didn't know these facts about hedgehogs!

- There are at least 14 species of hedgehogs around the world.
- Hedgehogs are NOT rodents as some people think. They are mammals and are distant cousins of shrews.
- In surveys the hedgehog is usually Britain's favourite wild animal.
- Hedgehogs have a small tail, not easily visible under all those spikes.

**Why are hedgehogs disappearing?** Loss of habitat, Clearing of gardens, hedges, bushes and trees, Gardening machinery, Cars on roads, Bonfires, Lack of food due to garden poisons being used.



Draw a plan of your garden or a park/school garden, adding in hedgehog-friendly features like holes in fences, piles of leaves or logs, bushes or hedgehog houses so they can sleep undisturbed, and wild plants which encourage the bugs that hedgehogs eat.



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## Enviro Splat

Get your '*Top Tips for a Hedgehog-Friendly Garden*' leaflet from:

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Hedgehog-Street-Top-tips-leaflet.pdf>

## Poems to save hedgehogs...

I think hedgehogs would appreciate poetry about them, so why not write some? Create a poem about what they look like and do, what they eat, why they need your help, or anything else about them. Your poem can include rhyming words if you like. Perhaps make it similar to the famous poem "I think mice are rather nice" by Rose Fyleman.



## **Find out more about the cute critters!**

- <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/>
- [https://www.arkwildlife.co.uk/Wildlife/Post/157/What do hedgehogs eat-C- identification and habitat.html](https://www.arkwildlife.co.uk/Wildlife/Post/157/What%20do%20hedgehogs%20eat-C-identification%20and%20habitat.html)
- Get the colourful Wild About Gardens hedgehog booklet with all sorts of fun facts, activities and information from: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/WAG%20get%20creative%20for%20hedgehogs.pdf>



## Enviro Chat

**Did you know hedgehogs are mainly carnivores (meat eaters)?**

They eat all sorts of creepy-crawlies, especially beetles, earwigs and earthworms, as well as caterpillars, slugs, snails, bees, wasps, grasshoppers, centipedes and flies (yum, yum).



To help hedgehogs, you can put out speciality hedgehog food (pellets or meat) or a little cat food or dog food in a shallow dish, as well as water. Don't give them bread or milk.

Find out more:

<https://www.wildlifeonline.me.uk/animals/species/european-hedgehog>

## Word Zap

Which 'part of speech' is the word '**hedgehog**'?

Find more examples of these types of joined words:

