



The Deep Dark Wood

What will you find in the deep dark wood?

- A wood is a place that has lots of trees close together.
- Lots of different animals live in the woods. It is their **habitat**. This means that it is their natural home.
- In the woods you will find lots of **shadows**. A shadow is a dark area or shape made when something blocks the light.





Which animals live in the woods?

Do you know the names of these animals?

Monday

Rabbits

- Rabbits are **herbivores**. They only eat plants.
- They have long ears, long back legs and a short tail.
- Rabbits live in large groups.



Tuesday - Foxes

A fox is a **carnivore** with a bushy tail.



Foxes are a member of the dog family.

Can you
remember what
a carnivore eats?



Fabulous Fox Facts

- Foxes have very good hearing. This helps them to listen out for their food. Foxes will eat just about anything!
- Foxes do not **hibernate**, but they hide out in dens if the weather is nasty.



Hibernation

What does hibernate mean?

Hibernating is like sleeping for a long time. Animals that hibernate sleep through the winter.

Why do some animals hibernate in winter?

In winter it is very cold, and it is hard for the animals to find food. Before animals hibernate, they eat lots and lots of food so that do not need to find food in the winter.

Which animals hibernate?

Hedgehogs, bats, dormice, bumblebees, ladybirds, frogs, toads and bats.

Wednesday

Mice

A mouse is a **nocturnal** rodent. Mice have large ears and a long tail.

Can you remember what nocturnal means?





The tail of a mouse can grow as long as its body.



A mouse eats 15-20 times a day!



Most mice are **herbivores**. Herbivores only eat plants and fruit.



Thursday - Owls

Owls are **nocturnal** birds. Nocturnal animals sleep during the day and come out at night. Owls have large eyes and a loud hooting call.



Can you hoot like an owl?



Friday - Hedgehogs



- Hedgehogs are a small, **nocturnal** animals with a spiky coat.
- Hedgehogs are **omnivores**. They eat plants and animals.
- Hedgehogs will eat almost any insect.
- They can roll into a ball to keep safe.

Additional challenge - Badgers

- A badger is a nocturnal animal.
- Badgers are black and grey.
- They are **omnivores**. Omnivores eat meat and plants.



Do badgers hibernate?

No. Badgers do not hibernate, but they go into a deep sleep in the winter for one or two days and then they wake up to eat.

