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before reading

- 1 Facts about hedgehogs. **Write** T if you think the sentence is true and F if you think the sentence is false.

Hedgehogs can climb trees.

Hedgehogs can swim.

Hedgehogs eat fish.

Hedgehogs live in gardens.

They sleep at night.

They sleep (hibernate) in winter.

Hedgehogs can live with humans.

Hedgehogs have 500 spines on their backs.

- 2 **Check** the facts. **Fill in** the blanks with the correct word. **Look** at activity 1. **Check** if you were right or wrong.

ball small trees back gardens
day hibernating swim insects

The hedgehog is a _____ mammal. It has a spiny _____.

It can roll itself into a _____ when attacked.

It eats _____, worms, snails, mice and frogs. It hunts for its

food at night and sleeps in the _____. It sleeps all winter.

This is called _____.

It lives in woods and _____. The hedgehog can climb

_____ and it can also _____!

Some people have hedgehogs for pets. Hedgehogs can live with people but it is not very usual!

- 3 In this story, Susan finds a hedgehog. **Cut out** and stick a photo of a hedgehog in the space below. **Draw** your own hedgehog next to it.



- 4 **Circle** the words that are related to winter.

cold wet snow bathing suit central heating

pile of wood pineapple fireplace

cactus blankets fine white sand

during reading

1 Tick the correct answer and **complete** the sentences.

- Why does Dad brush Coco out of the house into the snow?

- He is watching TV.
- He is cleaning the house.
- Playing a game with Coco.

Dad brushes Coco out of the house because _____

- Why does Coco go under the pile of wood?

- She wants to keep dry.
- She is hiding.
- She is looking for cat cookies.

Coco goes under the pile of wood because _____

- What do hedgehogs eat?

- Insects.
- Cat biscuits.
- Trees.

Hedgehogs eat _____

- Why does the hedgehog hide in the clothesbasket?

- He is afraid.
- He is playing a game.
- He loves warm places to hide.

The hedgehog hides in the clothesbasket because _____

2 **Underline** the correct words. Then **read** the sentences to a partner.

- Susan *finds / doesn't find* a hedgehog.
- Dad *puts / doesn't put* Coco out in the snow because he is cleaning the house.
- Susan *treats / doesn't treat* the hedgehog like a baby.
- Susan *takes / doesn't take* the hedgehog to school.
- Susan *puts / doesn't put* Coco in the cage with the hedgehog.
- Daisy the crazy dog *makes / doesn't make* breakfast for the hedgehog.
- Coco *kidnaps / doesn't kidnap* the hedgehog and *takes / doesn't take* him to a park.
- Coco thinks a bush *is / isn't* a good place for the hedgehog to make his home.
- Coco *tells / doesn't tell* the hedgehog to sleep till spring.
- Coco says she *likes / doesn't like* the hedgehog.

3 Who does this? **Write** the name next to the sentence.

_____ reads a book about animals.

_____ hides in the clothes basket.

_____ puts the hedgehog in a bird cage.

_____ runs around the tree twice.

_____ finds a good place for the hedgehog to make his home.

during reading

4 **Write** the correct sentence under the pictures.

She gives him
sugared water
to drink.

She washes
him in the
sink.

She brushes
him.



Now **Draw** a picture to illustrate the sentence.



She sings to him.

She kisses him.

5 **Look** at page 24 and **answer** the questions.

What does Coco see everywhere?

What does Coco say about the town?

Where is Coco taking the hedgehog?

6 **Read** the clues and **solve** the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

3. This big machine is used to remove snow.

6. After winter comes the...

7. Cats have four...

8. This delicious breakfast food is round and sweet.

DOWN

1. This spiky plant grows in the desert.

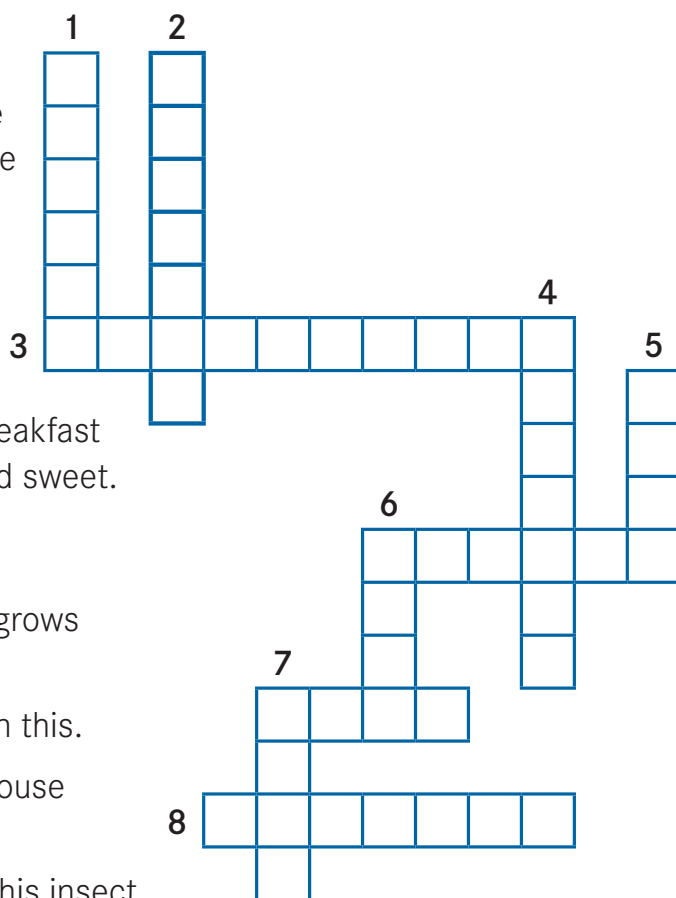
2. Cats like to sit on this.

4. This keeps the house warm inside.

5. Hedgehogs eat this insect.

6. It falls in winter.

7. Mummy pushes the baby in a...



after reading

- 1 **Unscramble** the letters to make words. **Write** the words in the boxes.

LEORSI
11 17 2 15

SEBSU
4 5 3 18 7

CSAR
14 8 6

POUHOGLWNS
19 16 12 13 10 9 1

Each letter has a number. **Find** the letters that match the numbers. **Complete** the sentence with the missing letters.

T D
1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 7 8 9 10 11

 F D
12 13 8 14 15 16 17 8 1 18 9 15 1 16 9

T MK M.
11 8 15 1 2 19 1 11 15

- 2 **Correct** the wrong words in these sentences.

- When Dad cleans the mouse, he's impossible.

- After all, it's my phone too.

- She picks up the hedgehog and gives him a kiss on the lips.
