

ALL ABOUT HEDGEHOGS

HEDGEHOGS

LESSON PLAN

Week at a Glance:

- Day One: Hedgehog Physical Traits
- Day Two: Hedgehog Habitats
- Day Three: What They Eat
- Day Four: Hedgehog Defense Mechanisms
- Day Five: Hedgehog Hibernation



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VOCABULARY SQUARE

Word: hibernation

Definition:



HEDGEHOGS

DIET UNSCRAMBLE

Directions: Unscramble each word associated with what hedgehogs eat.

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SEQUENCING EVENTS

Directions: List four events from the story in order from first to last.

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HEDGEHOG ADJECTIVES

Directions: An adjective is a describing word. Fill in the blank with an adjective that describes the physical traits about a hedgehog.

A HEDGEHOG HAS...
_____ fur
_____ tail
_____ body
_____ legs
_____ ears
_____ nose
_____ quills
_____ teeth
_____ claws



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AND KEY DETAILS

How do they protect themselves?
How many ways do they use to protect themselves?



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Teacher Says: Today, we are going to explore more about a hedgehog's diet! What do you think hedgehogs eat? Hedgehogs mainly eat insects! They usually scavenge along the ground at night time and like to eat worms, beetles, slugs, snails, caterpillars, and spiders. They will also sometimes eat bird eggs, small frogs, baby mice, fruit and berries.

Do you know what it means to be nocturnal? When an animal is nocturnal, they are awake at night and asleep during the day! This is why they hunt at night!

Detail #2
Detail #3

A COMPREHENSIVE FIVE DAY UNIT ALL ABOUT HEDGEHOGS!

Includes lesson plans, graphic organizers, craft ideas, projects, comprehension questions and more!

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LESSON PLAN

Day One: Physical Traits

Objective: The students will be able to describe physical traits about hedgehogs.



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LESSON PLAN: DAY ONE

Introduction (5 minutes):

*Teacher Says: This week we are learning all about hedgehogs! What do you know about hedgehogs? Have you ever seen a hedgehog? What do they look like?

*Hedgehogs are small, round animals that have sharp spines on their back called quills. They stick out almost like needles. Hedgehogs also have fur, short legs and little claws. They also have tiny, black eyes, small ears and a pointy nose.

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Lesson (15 minutes):

- *The students will watch the video, "Hedgehogs for Kids" -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVcRIQ9b-mo>

- *After the video, use the information learned to fill in the "Hedgehogs can, have, are" graphic organizer with the students. Discuss the various physical characteristics of a hedgehog.

Independent Work (5 minutes)

- *The students will complete the activity worksheet attached below, "Hedgehog Adjectives".

Closing (5 minutes)

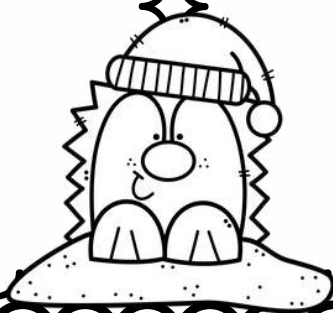
- *The teacher will give the students a sticky note or index card. Write two questions you still have about hedgehog.

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LESSON PLAN



Day Two: Hedgehog Habitat

Objective: The students will be able to identify where hedgehogs live and what they need to thrive in their habitat.

LESSON PLAN: DAY TWO

Introduction (5 minutes):

*Teacher Says: Today, we are learning more about where hedgehogs live! What is a habitat? A habitat is where an animal lives and eats! Where do you think hedgehogs live?

*Hedgehogs live in woodlands, meadows, gardens, or anywhere they can find a quiet, safe space. They usually make nests using greenery under "hedges" or bushes. Some may also nestle in to burrows in the ground. The majority of wild hedgehogs live in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Typically the hedgehogs that you see in North or South America are pets.

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Lesson (15 minutes):

The teacher will read the book, "Hedgehog and the Log" by Pam Fong. Questions to ask during/after reading - Why do you think Hedgehog is happy about his home in the beginning? How does Hedgehog react when he loses his home? What lesson does Hedgehog learn?

*After reading, the students will complete the "Sequencing Events" activity worksheet attached below. The teacher will guide the students in finding four main events from the story to put in order from what happened first to what happened last.

Independent Work (15 minutes)

*The students will create a comic strip story using the template attached below. Create a realistic fiction story about a hedgehog in its habitat.

Closing (5 minutes)

*The students will share their comic strip stories in small groups or in the whole group.

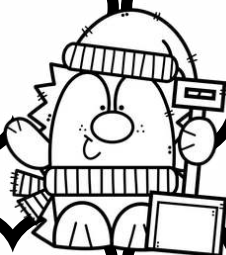
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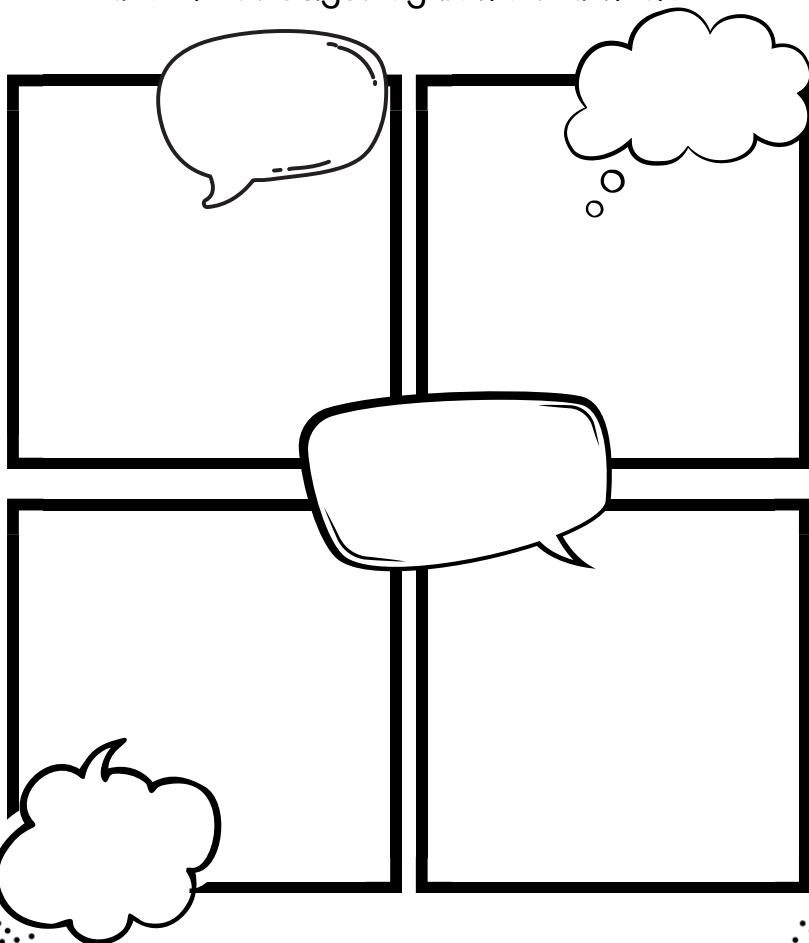
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HEDGEHOG COMIC STRIP

Directions: Create a comic strip story telling about a hedgehog in its habitat.



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Day Three: Hedgehog Diet

Objective: The students will be able to identify foods that hedgehogs eat.



LESSON PLAN: DAY THREE

Introduction (5 minutes):

*Teacher Says: Today, we are going to explore more about a hedgehog's diet! What do you think hedgehogs eat? Hedgehogs mainly eat insects! They usually scavenge along the ground at night time and like to eat worms, beetles, slugs, snails, caterpillars, and spiders. They will also sometimes eat bird eggs, small frogs, baby mice, fruit and berries.

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Lesson (15 minutes):

*The teacher will read, "All Things Hedgehogs for Kids" by Animal Reads. Questions to ask during/after reading - What do hedgehogs eat? How do they get their food? Do you think hedgehogs have any predators?

*The teacher will guide the students in completing the "Vocabulary Match Up" attached below. The students will define insectivore, forage, nocturnal and prey.

Independent Work (15 minutes)

*The students will complete the "Diet Unscramble" worksheet attached below, unscrambling words that are associated with a hedgehog's diet.

Closing (5 minutes)

*The class will review the "Diet Unscramble" together. Discuss: Why do you think a hedgehog eats at night? What kinds of predators do you think they need to stay safe from? Tomorrow, we will talk about how hedgehogs protect themselves!

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VOCABULARY MATCH UP



insectivore

An animal that is asleep during the day and is awake/hunts at night



nocturnal

An animal that is hunted by other animals



forage

An animal that eats mainly insects



prey

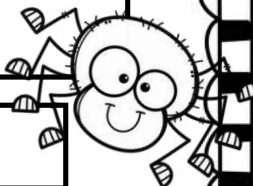
Searching for food

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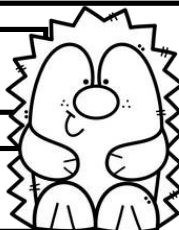
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Day Four: Hedgehog Defenses

Objective: The students will be able to identify ways that hedgehogs protect themselves from predators.

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LESSON PLAN: DAY FOUR

Introduction (5 minutes):

*Teacher Says: In today's lesson, we will dive deeper in to how hedgehogs protect themselves against predators! How do you think hedgehogs are able to protect themselves?

*Hedgehogs have a few main ways that they stay safe from predators. One of the most well known is they roll in to a ball and their spines (or quills) stick out from their backs in all directions. They are sharp and stiff and can hurt an animal if they try to bite the hedgehog. They also can hiss, snuff and puff at predators, hide in shrubbery or stay extremely still!

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Lesson (15 minutes):

- *The teacher will read, "Hedgehogs!: A My Incredible World Picture Book for Children" by Hope Aicher.
- *The teacher will guide the students in completing the "Hedgehog Defenses" graphic organizer on the worksheet attached below. In each box, identify and describe how hedgehogs defend themselves from predators/dangers.

Independent Work (15 minutes)

- *The students will complete the "Main Idea and Key Details" writing scaffolding sheet. They will brainstorm three key details to support the topic - "Hedgehogs have many ways that they can protect themselves from danger."

Closing (5 minutes)

- *The students will turn to a partner and share their three key details. After, the students can extend the activity by using the brainstorm to write a paragraph.

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HEDGEHOG DEFENSES!

Directions: In the boxes below, record different ways hedgehogs behave and communicate.



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MAIN IDEA AND KEY DETAILS

How do hedgehogs protect themselves?

MAIN IDEA ➡

Hedgehogs have many ways that they protect themselves from danger.

Detail #1 ➡

Detail #2 ➡

Detail #3 ➡

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LESSON PLAN

Day Five: Hibernation

Objective: The students will be able to describe how and why hedgehogs hibernate.



LESSON PLAN: DAY FIVE

Introduction (5 minutes):

*Teacher Says: What kinds of animals hibernate? What is hibernation? Hibernation is mammals go in to a long, deep sleep in the winter to stay safe and conserve energy when food is hard to find. In the fall, hedgehogs need to forage for food and eat a lot to build up their fat. Then, they find a cozy, safe place to stay like under leaves or in a burrow. They can hibernate for months & wake up in the spring when food is easier to find!

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Lesson (15 minutes):

- *The teacher will play the video, "Hedgehog Hibernation Explained" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfY_q80iw6k

- *The teacher will guide the students in completing the "Vocabulary Square" defining the word hibernation. They will write the definition, use the word in a sentence and draw a picture matching the word.

Independent Work (10 minutes)

- *The students will complete the comprehension questions attached below. Review answers to questions as a whole group.

Closing (5 minutes)

- *Teacher Says: What was your favorite thing that you learned in this unit about hedgehogs? What questions do you still have?

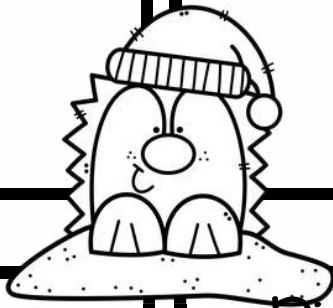
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VOCABULARY SQUARE

Word:

hibernation

Definition:



Sentence:

Picture:

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HEDGEHOG QUICK CHECK

1. Why do hedgehogs hibernate?

2. Where do they hibernate?

3. What do hedgehogs do to prepare to hibernate?
