



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW A HEDGEHOG?

Here are some fun facts about our favourite spikey little creatures.

Use the words in the blue box to label the hedgehog correctly.

EUROPEAN HEDGEHOG
ERINACEUS EUROPAEUS
SPINES
EYES
NOSE
EARS
LEGS
NECK
TAIL
CURL
CLAWS
FRONT FEET

Name.

Scientific name.

An adult hedgehog has 5,000 - 7,000 speckled brown and cream spines.

They have weak eyesight and their colour vision is limited. They do not need good vision as they are nocturnal.

They have a little black nose that gives them a sharp sense of smell to pick up the scent of their supper, a predator, or another hedgehog on the breeze.

Their big ears, which help with their keen sense of hearing, are mostly hidden by fur.

They have surprisingly long legs, about 10cm. This means they can run faster than we can walk!

They have a very short neck which helps them curl up into a tight ball.

This is usually around 2cm long.

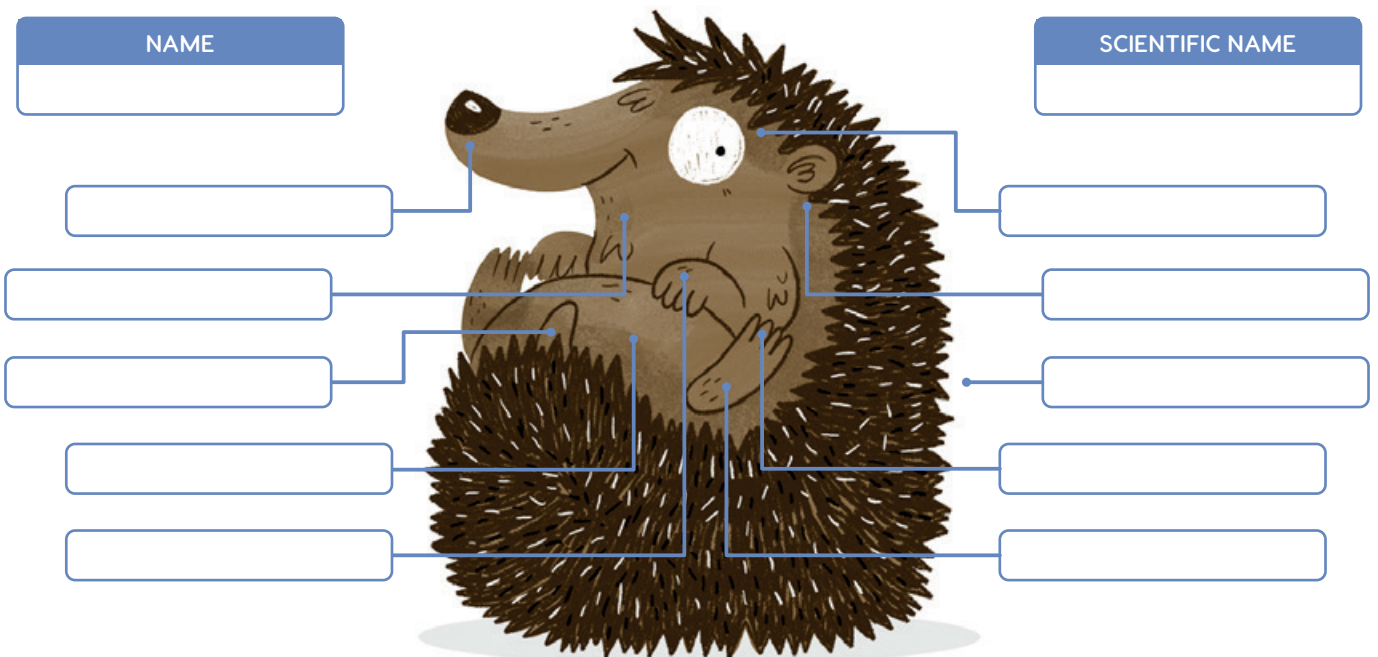
Their stomachs are soft, furry, and vulnerable. They curl into a tight ball to protect it from any threat.

They have five-toes on each foot, and each toe has a powerful claw are used for digging.

These are sometimes used to de-slime particularly slippery slugs.

NAME

SCIENTIFIC NAME



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