



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW A HEDGEHOG?

Here are some fun facts about our favourite spikey little creatures.
Use the words in the blue boxes to label the attached activity sheet correctly.

EUROPEAN HEDGEHOG

Name

ERINACEUS EUROPAEUS

Scientific name

LEGS

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

CURL

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

SPINES

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

NOSE

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.

NECK

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

FRONT FEET

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

EYES

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

EARS

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

TAIL

This is usually around 2cm long.

CLAWS

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

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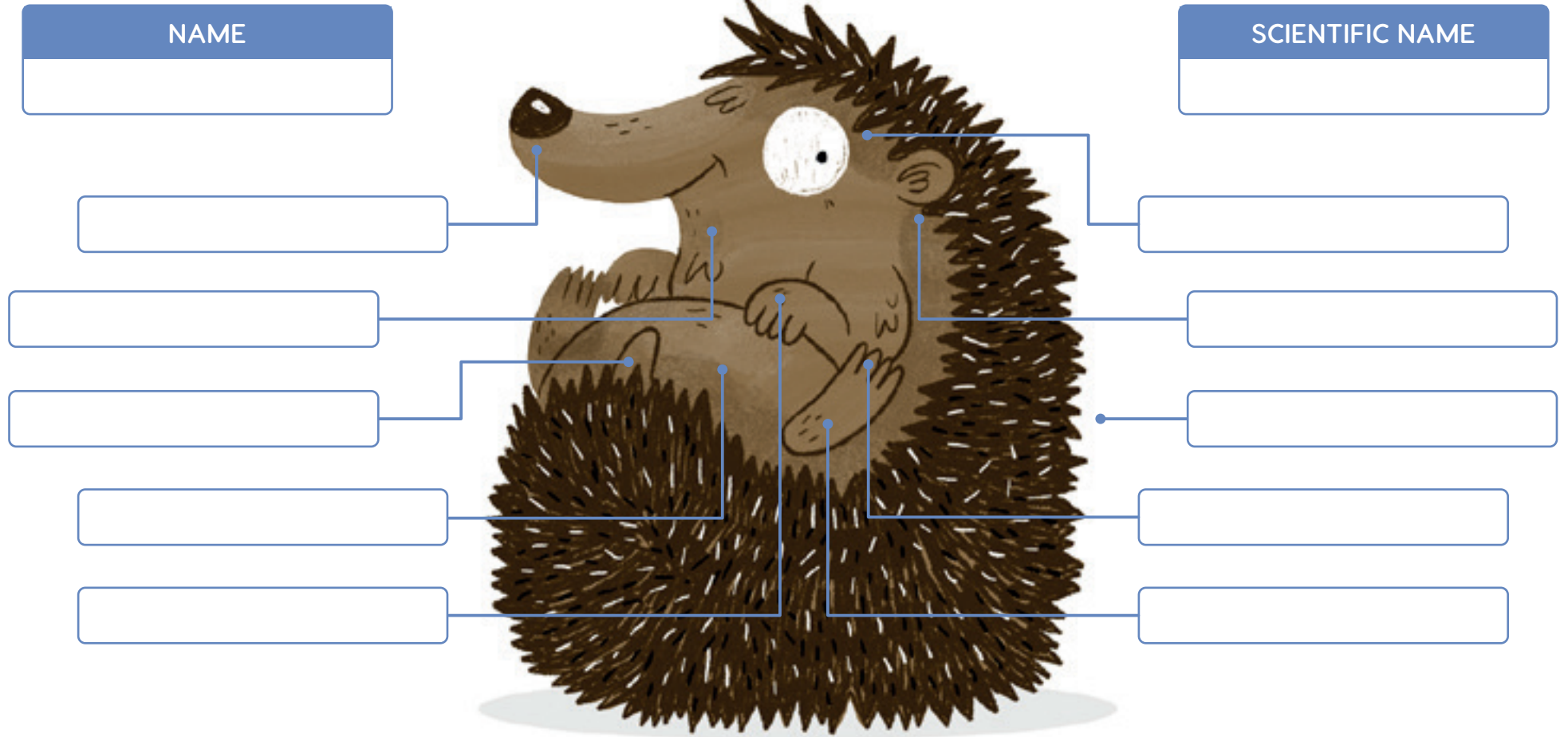
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