

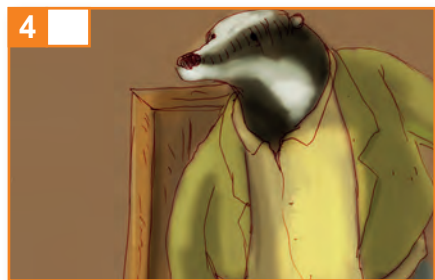
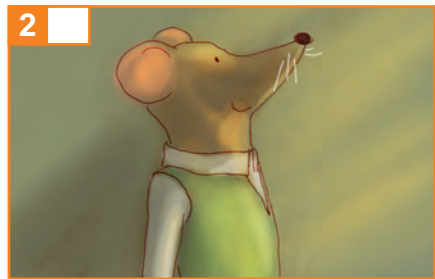
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Before Reading

1 Read the sentences and label the pictures: Badger, Mole, Toad or Rat.

- a) Badger is a big animal. He is black and white.
- b) Toad is short and fat. He is green.
- c) Rat is brown and has whiskers, small ears and a long nose.
- d) Mole is small. He has black fur.



2 Listen and check your answers.

3 Circle the correct word in these sentences.

- a) Badger is black and **green** / white.
- b) Rat has small **ears** / whiskers.
- c) Mole has **green** / black fur.
- d) Toad is short and **fat** / black.

4 Listen and match the animals to their homes. Write the name next to the correct home.



5 Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)? Tick (✓).

- | | T | F |
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| a) Toad lives in the Wild Wood. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Rat lives in a hole near the river. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Badger lives in Toad Hall. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Mole lives in a little house underground. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

1 On the river

6 It's spring. Mole is very busy. He is cleaning his house. Mole's house is underground. It is very dark.

Suddenly Mole throws his cleaning things on the floor.

'What am I doing?' he says. 'Spring is here! I can go outside!'

Mole runs out of the house and starts to dig.

'Up! Up!' he says. He digs and digs. He digs up, up, up through the earth. Suddenly, pop! His little nose comes out into the sun.

He is in a big field. The grass is warm. The sun is warm. Mole rolls in the grass. His fur is warm now, too.

'This is great!' he says. 'I love spring!'

Mole walks through the fields. He sees flowers and new green leaves on the trees.

He sees lots of animals, too. Birds are making nests. Rabbits are cleaning. They are all busy because it is spring.

Mole walks and walks. He is happy to be outside, and he walks far away from his home. He comes to a river. He stops and looks. Rivers are a new thing for Mole. He looks again at the water. Suddenly he sees a small face on the opposite side of the water. The face has whiskers and small ears and a nose. It's a water rat. His name is Rat.

Glossary

- **busy:** has a lot to do
- **cleaning:** taking dirt away
- **dark:** black
- **dig:** move the earth away
- **field:** big area of grass in the country
- **fur:** hair on body of an animal
- **rolls:** lies down and moves from side to side
- **underground:** under the earth
- **whiskers:** long hairs on an animal's nose