

My Book About Meerkats



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Meerkats live in grasslands in Africa.

They are small animals. They are not cats!

Meerkats dig tunnels with lots of openings.

A big family shares the tunnels.

They live there at night. In the daytime they come out and look for food.

Draw one opening of a meerkat tunnel



A meerkat has a tail nearly as long as its body.

Their fur is a brown colour. It has a small pointy nose. It has black fur around its eyes.

Meerkats have small ears that do not fill with dirt when they dig.

They use their front paws to pick things up.

Draw and label a meerkat face



Meerkats eat bugs, worms, roots and melons.

They eat small birds, lizards and mice.

They dig in the ground with their sharp claws to find food.

Draw some meerkat food



In the morning, the meerkat family stands so that the sun shines on their tummies to warm them up. Then they start looking for food nearby.

Draw some meerkats digging for food



Meerkats are hunted by snakes, eagles and animals like wild dogs and foxes.

Meerkats take turns to watch for danger when the family is out in the open.

The look out calls when danger comes so that the family can run away.

Draw or write what the look out meerkat watches for.

Baby meerkats are called pups.

About four or five are born at a time.

When they are small they drink milk from their mother's body. They stay in the tunnel.

When mother meerkat goes out to find food, another meerkat babysits.



When baby meerkats are big enough to go outside, all the family helps look after them.

Why do you think all the family looks out for the pups outside?

Draw a picture of grown up meerkats looking after meerkat pups. Write a sentence about your drawing.

A meerkat yes no quiz

Write yes or no next to each sentence.

Meerkats dig tunnels.

Meerkats live alone.

Meerkats live in the water.

Meerkats can stand on two legs.

Meerkats live in family groups.

Meerkats hunt lions.

Meerkats have a look out.

Meerkats find food by digging.

Meerkats make nests in trees.

Write a word to finish each sentence

A meerkat has a pointy _____ .

A meerkat has _____ black ears.

Meerkats stay in a tunnel at _____ .

Meerkats are outside in _____ time.

Meerkats have a _____ when they are outside.

The whole family helps look after _____.

Write 3 things a meerkat eats

Write 1 thing that eats meerkats

An acrostic

Write a word beginning with each letter
of the word meerkat

M _____

E _____

E _____

R _____

C _____

A _____

T _____

Meerkats live in Africa. What other
animals live in the same part of Africa?

Draw pictures on another piece of paper and paste on these labels.

lion

rhinoceros

giraffe

elephant

zebra

Read more about meerkats

- <https://www.kidcyber.com.au/m-is-meerkat>
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Watch a video of a zoo keeper talking about meerkats

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efRGPz1BQ6Y>

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