

Activity Sheet:

Hibernation



British Hedgehog Preservation Society



To save energy when there is little food around for them to eat, hedgehogs go into hibernation. This is a bit like a long sleep and their heart rate and breathing rate slow right down.

1. Draw a nest for this hedgehog to hibernate in. Why not stick on some leaves too!



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This is called a **hibernaculum**!

2. Write down some places a hedgehog may choose to hibernate.

Answer

3. When do hedgehogs hibernate? Tick the months:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> January | <input type="checkbox"/> July |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> August |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March | <input type="checkbox"/> September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April | <input type="checkbox"/> October |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May | <input type="checkbox"/> November |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June | <input type="checkbox"/> December |

4. There are only two other UK mammals that hibernate in winter. What are they?



5. What must we always do before lighting a bonfire in November?

Answer

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