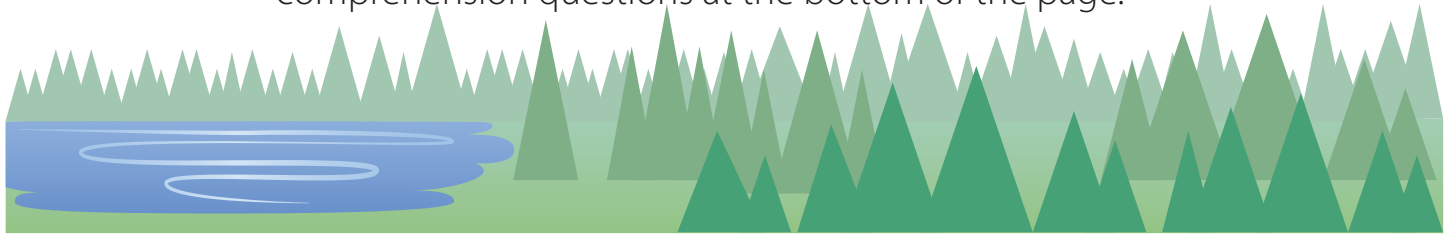


# ANIMALS BUILDING HOMES

Read the paragraph about animals building their homes. Then answer the reading comprehension questions at the bottom of the page.



**Star-nosed moles** use their long, sharp claws to dig shallow networks of tunnels near water. **Spiders** have special silk glands found in their stomachs that they use to build their webs. **Prairie dogs** are expert diggers. They use their sharp claws to dig elaborate tunnels underground. **Beavers** have powerful teeth that they use to gnaw bark and wood. They cut down smaller parts of trees and plants and use these materials to build their lodges and dams. **Woodpeckers** use their sharp beaks to chisel nests into the trunks of living trees. **Bees, wasps, and yellow jackets** make wax inside their bodies. Then they use the wax mixed with saliva to build honeycombs. Hundreds of combs are usually joined together to make one home for thousands of insects. This is called a hive. A hive makes a good home for a whole colony.

1. Which two animals use sharp claws to build tunnels underground?

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2. Which animals use tools inside their bodies to build their homes?

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3. Which two animals use trees to build their homes? Explain how.

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