



Badgerland Quiz Booklet

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Animal Quiz

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5	Why is it a bad idea to put out milk for hedgehogs?	
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9	Is a Giant Panda really a panda, a bear or a racoon?	
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11	Which animal poses the greatest threat to human health in the United Kingdom - the rat or the pigeon?	
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13	Why does the plaice (a type of fish) have its eyes on the top of its head?	
14	When people refer to the "gentleman in the velvet waistcoat", what are they referring to?	
15	If some-one said that they had a "German Schnauzer" cat would they be telling the truth?	
16	Why do you never see tigers fighting lions for food?	
17	Why might a rabbit be unwilling to leave its burrow, if it can smell urine outside?	
18	Do ostriches bury their heads in the sand?	
19	If you chase wild sheep, they run usually away from another in all directions. If you chase domestic sheep, they usually run towards one another. Why is this useful for sheep farmers?	
20	If a chicken lays eggs on a farm, how many might it lay every year?	
21	How many pints of milk might one healthy cow produce every week?	
22	People have six bones in their neck. How many bones does a giraffe have in its neck?	
23	Farmers often want a cow to be pregnant for a long as possible (as for the time of the pregnancy they have just the cow to feed, instead of the cow and its calf). Why might very long pregnancies be harmful for the cow?	
24	Has the "large-eared owl" actually got large ears?	
25	Scientists use Latin names for animals (the badger, is called Meles meles in Latin). What bird has "puffinus puffinus" as its Latin name?	
26	The animal which is called a reindeer in Europe has another name in North America. What is it?	
27	Why is it that so many old-fashioned cat stories involve cats called "Felix" and "Sylvester"?	
28	Why can horses go to sleep stood up, but humans can't?	
29	Which bird sings a song sometimes sounds like "a little bit of bread but no cheese"?	
30	Why is the Blue Whale not the biggest fish in the world?	



Badger Quiz Answers

No.	Question	Answer
1	What is the name given to a male badger?	Boar
2	What is the name given to a female badger?	Sow
3	What is the name given to a baby badger?	Cub
4	Which is bigger the male or the female badger?	The male is usually slightly bigger
5	What is a family group of badgers called?	A Clan.
6	What is the the badgers home called?	A Sett.
7	How many adult badgers live in the sett?	Normally up to 15.
8	How many badgers might there be in the UK?	Between 250,000 and 310,000
9	How long does a badger live for?	Usually 5 to 7 years, but up to 15 in captivity. Sadly a lot of cubs are killed in road accidents before their first birthday.
10	What is the Latin name for the Eurasian (British) Badger?	Meles meles
11	How do clan members recognise each other?	By their smell (otherwise known as musk).
12	If a badger is said to be musking, what is it doing?	Badgers all have their own "smell". A dominant badger will smear an oily liquid (musk) onto all other members of the badger clan and trees in the clan's territory to claim it as his own.
13	What happens if a badger strays from its own territory?	Another badger clan might attack it.
14	When are cubs normally born?	Normally between January and March
15	How old are the cubs before they leave the sett?	Normally 9-10 weeks.
16	How long is the badger pregnant for?	About seven weeks.
17	Why is the badger classed as a carnivore?	It has sharp canine teeth.
18	What is a badger called if it has white hair and pink eyes?	An albino
19	Is it true that some badgers are actually red in colour?	Yes - there are a few badgers which have a red or ginger colour. They are known as Erythristic badgers. Apart from having a different colour, they are just the same as any other badger you will see in the UK.
20	When is a badger at its heaviest in the year?	In autumn an adult badger will weigh 11-12 kg, whereas in spring it will weigh 8-9kg.



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21	Why do badgers like deciduous woodlands on dry slopes near open pastureland?	They can live safe in a dry sett in the woodland, and forage for worms on the open pastureland at night.
22	Why don't badgers like it when it gets very cold or very hot?	Badgers main food source is earthworms. If the ground is too dry or frozen for earthworms to come out onto the surface, the badgers can't find enough earthworms to eat; and they might get dehydrated and very hungry.
23	What is badger baiting?	This is where a criminal catches a badger, and makes it fight to the death in a contest with one or more dogs. These contests are illegal; and the people who organise them or attend them are breaking the law too.
24	Why is it a Eurasian badger?	It lives in Europe and Asia too.
25	Are badgers protected by the law?	Yes - both badgers and their homes are fully protected by the law.
26	In the UK, where are badgers most common?	In the south and west, being rare in Scotland and East Anglia.
27	Is there such a thing as a "Honey" badger?	Yes - the honey badger lives in Africa. It looks very different to our own Badger, and it does eat honey.
28	Badgers and cattle (and other animals) suffer from a respiratory disease. What is it called?	Tuberculosis (or TB). It is well known that badgers and cattle can both suffer from TB, but it is not known whether badgers give TB to cattle, or whether cattle give it to badgers or they both give it to one another. Cows milk is sterilised to kill off all bugs (including TB).
29	Is it true that a badgers attack people?	The only examples of people being attacked by badgers, is when people have either been cruel to them, or when they have tried to rescue or capture them or when they have (unwisely) tried to keep one as an exotic pet. So far as we are aware, no-one has ever been attacked by a badger in the wild.
30	Is it true that badgers will never cross water?	Badgers will cross water if they have too; and they will even swim on rare occasions. However, they would normally try to avoid deep water.



Animal Quiz Answers

No.	Question	Answer
1	Which is bigger a badger or a fox?	A badger is a little bigger than a fox, but it is much heavier. A fox tends to be a little slimmer than a badger.
2	Which is the odd one out between a badger, an otter, a ferret and a rat?	A rat is the odd one out as it is a rodent. The others are all mustelids.
3	What is the name for a baby hare?	A Leverett.
4	Is there such a thing as a "froglet"?	Yes. A froglet is the animal which looks like a tiny little frog, but still has the tail of a tadpole. It only becomes a frog when its tail shrinks away.
5	Why is it a bad idea to put out a dish of milk for hedgehogs?	Because they can't digest dairy products. Drinking cow's milk or cream harms their digestion.
6	Why is it that polar bears never eat penguins?	Because polar bears live around the North Pole; and Penguins around the South Pole, so they would never meet one another.
7	What is so very special about a "Manx" cat?	A Manx cat has no tail.
8	What small mammal did Shakespeare refer to as a "flying mouse"?	A bat.
9	Is a Giant Panda really a panda, a bear or a racoon?	A raccoon.
10	What animal is black and white, and looks like a horse?	A Zebra.
11	Which animal poses the greatest threat to human health in the United Kingdom - the rat or the pigeon?	Pigeons pose more of a threat. Never feed pigeons in the towns or the cities; as they and their droppings can harm human health.
12	How old is the average human, when they are exactly half as tall as their adult height?	On their second birthday.
13	Why does the plaice (a type of fish) have its eyes on the top of its head?	Because it is a flat-fish which lives on the sea floor. It needs its eyes on the top to look up.
14	When people refer to the "gentleman in the velvet waistcoat", what are they referring to?	The Mole.
15	If some-one said that they had a "German Schnauzer" cat would they be telling the truth?	No - A German Schnauzer is a breed of dog.
16	Why do you never see tigers fighting lions for food?	Because lions live in Africa, and tigers in Asia, so they would never meet one another in order to have a fight.



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17	Why might a rabbit be unwilling to leave its burrow, if it can smell urine outside?	The rabbit is frightened of foxes and badgers; and if it can smell fresh urine it suggests that there may be a badger or a fox nearby
18	Do ostriches bury their heads in the sand?	No. That's just an "old wives'" tail.
19	If you chase wild sheep, they run usually away from another in all directions. If you chase domestic sheep, they usually run towards one another. Why is this useful for sheep farmers?	If you want to round sheep up into a flock, it's an awful lot easier if they run towards one another. If sheep run away from one another, it would make catching them very, very difficult indeed.
20	If a chicken lays eggs on a farm, how many might it lay every year?	Perhaps as many as 180 to 200 eggs, per hen per year.
21	How many pints of milk might one healthy cow produce every week?	Perhaps as many as 70 pints!
22	People have six bones in their neck. How many bones does a giraffe have in its neck?	Six bones in a giraffe's neck, but they are a lot longer than human bones.
23	Farmers often want a cow to be pregnant for as long as possible (as for the time of the pregnancy they have just the cow to feed, instead of the cow and its calf). Why might very long pregnancies be harmful?	If the pregnancy lasts too long, there will be greater risks to the health of the unborn calf. The calf will also get bigger; and it may grow so big that it becomes extremely difficult for the cow to give birth to the calf.
24	Has the "long-eared owl" actually got long ears?	No, the things you see on the top of its head are actually just big feathers. It's ears are much the same size as those of other owls.
25	Scientists use Latin names for animals (the badger, is called <i>Meles meles</i> in Latin). What bird has "puffinus puffinus" as its Latin name?	A bit of a trick question really. You might have guessed it was a Puffin, but it's actually a Manx Shearwater!
26	The animal which is called a reindeer in Europe has another name in North America. What is it?	A Caribou.
27	Why is it that so many old-fashioned cat stories involve cats called "Felix" and "Sylvester"?	It is because the scientific (latin) name of the Wild Cat is <i>Felis Silvestris</i> , so that <i>Felis</i> becomes Felix and <i>Silvestris</i> becomes Sylvester!
28	Why can horses go to sleep stood up, but humans can't?	When a horse sleeps stood up, it can arrange its bones so they sort of lock together so it doesn't fall over when it sleeps.
29	Which bird sings a song sometimes sounds like "a little bit of bread but no cheese"?	The Yellowhammer
30	Why is the Blue Whale not the biggest fish in the world?	Because the Blue Whale is a mammal (it breathes air). Fish take in oxygen by filtering water through their gills.