

Our Minibeast Fact Files

For our new unit, we will be creating Fact Files on the different mini-beasts we saw in the film 'Caterpillar Shoes'.

Before we start our writing we need to find out what information we are going to need. You are going to become detectives today! You are going to be trying to find out what all of the pieces of text have in common (what is the same?).



Let's have a look at different examples of fact files (use your checklist sheet).
As you look at the different sheets, what do you notice that they all have?

Look at the examples you have been given. How many can you find?

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Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs can be found almost everywhere in the UK. They are able to live in cities and towns, and can commonly be found on railway land as well as wastelands and gardens. They do not live on mountainsides or wet areas because there is not much food for them and there are less areas for them to nest.



Did you know?

Hedgehogs also have a very small tail.

What do they look like?

Hedgehogs are small, spiky mammals. They give birth to young called hoglets. Adult hedgehogs have 25mm long spines along their backs and sides, but not on their faces or legs. Here, they are covered in tough, brown fur. They usually have between five thousand and seven thousand spines!

What do they eat?

Hedgehogs are often called the Gardener's Friend because they eat slugs and beetles. Slugs damage plants so gardeners are often pleased to see a hedgehog in their garden. They also eat earthworms.

To improve the chance of a hedgehog visiting your garden, you could leave a small saucer of cat or dog food out as they like the meat. Make sure you leave a saucer of water out too, especially in the summer months.



No milk for hedgehogs!

You should not leave milk out for hedgehogs because they cannot digest the lactose within it and they can become very poorly.

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Sharks

There are more than 500 different species of shark, including the great white shark, grey reef shark, hammerhead shark and tiger shark.

Where do they live?

Sharks can be found in every ocean.

The most shark attacks have been in Australia, South Africa, America and Brazil.

What do they eat?

Some types of shark can be deadly, but only about 12 species have ever attacked humans.

What sharks eat depends on its species and where it is.

Most sharks are meat eaters so they like to eat fish and other sharks. Some larger sharks eat dolphins, sea lions and small whales.

Smaller sharks eat small aquatic life like clams and crabs.



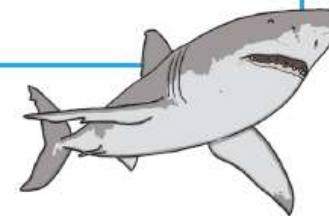
Grey Reef Shark



School of Hammerhead Sharks

Big Facts

1. A group of sharks is called a shoal, school or shiver.
2. Sharks have a skeleton of cartilage but no bones!
3. A baby shark is called a pup.



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Tigers

What Do Tigers Look Like?

Tigers are mammals. They are the biggest of the big cat family. Most tigers have orange fur with black stripes. Some tigers have black or white fur with light brown stripes. The stripes help the tigers to hide from other animals when they are hunting. The markings on every tiger are different, a bit like our fingerprints.

They have long legs to help them run fast and sharp claws to catch and kill their food. They also have a very long tail.



Did You Know...?

When a tiger cub is 8 weeks old, it can go out hunting with its mother.

Where Do Tigers Live?

Tigers that live in the wild are found in Asia. Some live in the cold parts of the north, others live in the south where it is hotter. Tigers live in forests. They like to live and hunt on their own and they show other tigers where their space is by scratching marks on trees with their claws.



What Do Tigers Eat?

Tigers only eat meat. They like to hunt for food at night. They creep up on their prey and bite it with their strong, sharp teeth. Tigers eat pigs, rhinos, deer, cows and horses.



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What did all of the fact files have?

Did you find anything else?

What do you think we need to be including in our Fact Files?

Are there any features you think we will not need?

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