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ANSWERS

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1 LIVING UNDERGROUND

Living underground has lots of benefits for animals.

It can protect them from creatures that may attack them.

It can shelter them from very high or very low temperatures.

It can give them somewhere cool to store food.

Some animals live underground for their entire lives. Others also spend time above ground.

Rabbits and ants both live underground.

Rabbits

Wild rabbits live in groups. They dig their homes under the ground using their sharp nails and strong front paws.

Each home is called a warren. It has lots of different exits and entrances. Rabbits use these to avoid animals that want to eat them.

Inside, the warren is split into smaller spaces called chambers. Rabbits use the chambers for different things. Different families may sleep in different chambers. Other chambers may be used to store food.

Ants

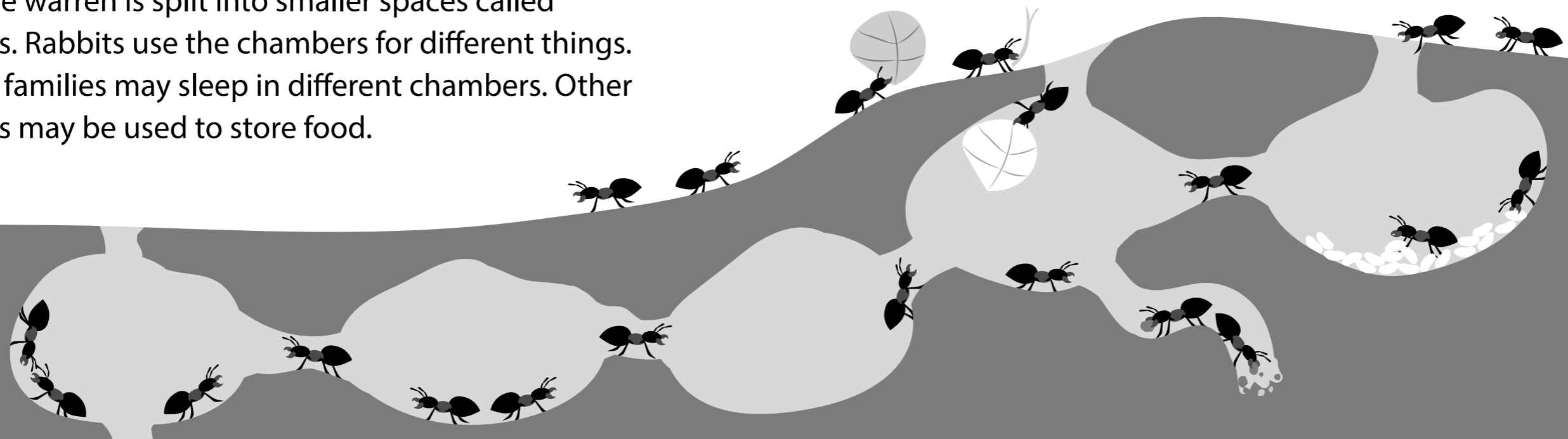
Ants dig their homes using their mouthparts.

These look like pincers. It is slow for each ant, but there could be more than a million ants working on each nest!

Like rabbit warrens, ant nests have lots of different chambers. The chambers are connected by tunnels. The nests also have lots of different exits and entrances. They make sure ants can get into and out of the nest quickly.

Like rabbits, ants use their chambers for different things. Some are used for storing food and some keep ants' eggs safe.

Ants may seem very different from rabbits, but their homes are very similar!



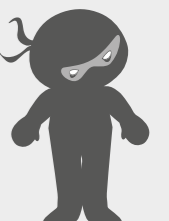
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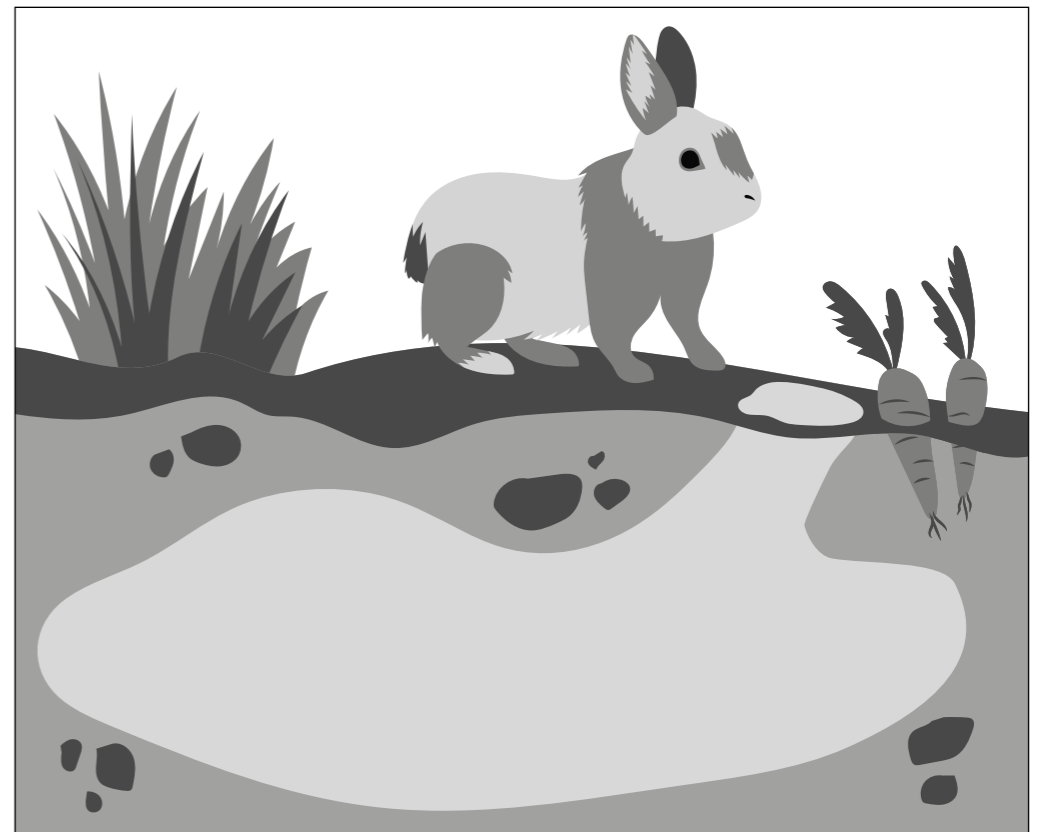
This question is about *Living underground*.
 Use your ninja reading eyes to spot the words in the text.
 Circle the words when you find them.

underground	animals	attack
temperatures	food	rabbits
warren	exits	chambers
ants	pincers	nest
tunnels	eggs	homes

LABEL AN IMAGE



Look at the image below.
 Label the image with words from the word bank.



Word bank

rabbit	warren	food
grass	soil	paws

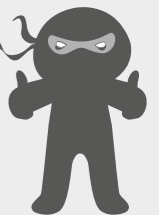
DRAW AND LABEL



Draw the statement in the boxes.
Add your own labels to your drawing.

rabbit in a warren	rabbits sleeping in a chamber
ant in a nest	ant eggs in a chamber

MATCHING



Draw a line with a ruler to match the information. One has already been done for you.

Living underground can	store food
Rabbits live	protect animals
wild rabbits	underground
somewhere cool	groups

Draw a line with a ruler to match the information.

rabbit	nails
sharp	chambers
strong	warren
The warren is split into	front paws

Draw a line with a ruler to match the information.

mouthparts	tunnels
The chambers are connected by	very similar
rabbit and ant homes	nest
ant	pincers

FILL IN THE GAP



FILL IN THE GAP USING A WORD BANK

Read the sentence and choose the correct word to fill the gap.
Look back at *Living underground* to find the correct answer.

Living underground can give animals somewhere cool to store _____.

- food
- water
- plants
- insects

_____ and ants both live underground.

- Bees
- Dogs
- Rabbits
- Bears

The warren is split into smaller spaces called _____.

- rooms
- chambers
- homes
- entrances

The nests have lots of different _____ and entrances.

- holes
- spaces
- tunnels
- exits

FILL IN THE GAP

Look back at *Living underground*.

Skim to find the correct area or paragraph of the text. Then scan to locate the correct sentence. Fill in the gap with the missing word.

Some animals live _____ for their entire lives.

Rabbits dig their homes under the ground using their sharp _____ and strong front paws.

Ants may seem very different from rabbits, but their _____ are very similar!

MULTIPLE CHOICE



Circle the correct answer to the following questions.

What is a rabbit's home called?

- garden
- chamber
- burrow
- warren

What do ants live in?

- hive
- nest
- warren
- trees

What do ants use to dig their homes?

- mouthparts
- hands
- legs
- shovels

What do ants store in chambers?

- eggs
- flowers
- water
- blankets

What else do ants store in chambers?

- rocks
- water
- food
- soil

What connects the chambers in an ant nest?

- burrows
- tunnels
- warrens
- exits

Which animal lives in a home similar to an ant nest?

- cat
- horse
- bird
- rabbit

TRUE OR FALSE



Read the sentences. Put a tick in the correct box to show which sentences are true and which are false.

Living underground protects animals from creatures that may attack them. True False

Rabbits live in a nest. True False

Ant chambers are connected by tunnels. True False

Ants and rabbits have very different homes. True False

FIND AND COPY

Read the sentences below. Find and copy three words that tell us the benefits of living underground for animals.

It can protect them from creatures that may attack them. It can shelter them from very high or very low temperatures. It can give them somewhere cool to store food.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Read the sentence below. Find and copy two things that ants use chambers for.

Some are used for storing food and some keep ant eggs safe.

1. _____

2. _____

123 SEQUENCING



Write the numbers 1 to 3 to show the order this information appears in the text *Living underground*.

Like rabbit warrens, ant nests have lots of different chambers.

It can shelter them from very high or very low temperatures.

Different families may sleep in different chambers.

Write the numbers 1 to 3 to show the order this information appears in the text *Living underground*.

Living underground has lots of benefits for animals.

Ants dig their homes using their mouthparts.

The nests also have lots of different exits and entrances.

Look at the sentences below. Write the numbers 1 to 4 to show the order the words occur in the sentences.

They dig their homes under the ground using their sharp nails and strong front paws.

sharp	ground	homes	paws

It is slow for each ant, but there could be more than a million ants working on each nest!

million	slow	nest	working



ANSWERS

1. LIVING UNDERGROUND MATCHING

Living underground can	protect animals
Rabbits live	underground
wild rabbits	groups
somewhere cool	store food
rabbit	warren
sharp	nails
strong	front paws
The warren is split into	chambers
mouthparts	pincers
The chambers are connected by	tunnels
rabbit and ant homes	very similar
ant	nest

FILL IN THE GAP

food
Rabbits
chambers
exits
underground
nails
homes

MULTIPLE CHOICE

warren
nest
mouthparts
eggs
food
tunnels
rabbit

TRUE OR FALSE

True
False
True
False

FIND AND COPY

protect
shelter
store
storing food
keep ant eggs safe

SEQUENCING

3, 1, 2
1, 2, 3
3, 2, 1, 4
2, 1, 4, 3

2. THE UNITED KINGDOM MATCHING

united	joined together
Queen Elizabeth II	Buckingham Palace
Wales	rugby
monster	Loch Ness
London	England
Cardiff	Wales
Belfast	Northern Ireland
Edinburgh	Scotland
Scotland	mountains
United Kingdom	four countries
Northern Ireland	whiskey
Union flag	Union Jack

FILL IN THE GAP

countries
Millions
landmarks
Wales
country
Scots
Belfast

MULTIPLE CHOICE

English
Buckingham Palace
Edinburgh
whiskey
rugby
Titanic
monster

TRUE OR FALSE

False
False
True
True

FIND AND COPY

United Kingdom
England
Scotland
Wales
Northern Ireland
beautiful countryside
big cities
London's famous landmarks

SEQUENCING

3, 1, 2
1, 3, 2
3, 1, 4, 2
1, 3, 4, 2

3. CHINESE NEW YEAR MATCHING

food offerings	Zao Jun
lunar	calendar
hearth	cooking fire
Chinese New Year	Spring Festival
Zao Jun	kitchen god
red colour	good luck
appearance of the new moon	21 January
envelope	traditional gift
Red envelopes contain	money or chocolate coins
People celebrate	a fresh start
The hearth is	the most important part of a home
Families come together to	dance

FILL IN THE GAP

Spring
lunar
hearth
dance
fortune
cooking
envelope

MULTIPLE CHOICE

the new moon
a fresh start
red
a pillow
money
clean
kitchen god

TRUE OR FALSE

False
False
False
True

FIND AND COPY

(the) hearth
family
share a meal
dance
exchange gifts

SEQUENCING

3, 2, 1
2, 1, 3
2, 4, 3, 1
2, 1, 4, 3

4. PLANTING SEEDS MATCHING

soil	damp
warm	windowsill
best time to grow sunflowers	March
small pots	holes in the bottom
water	gently
plants need	sunlight
small, clear	plastic bags
one or two	weeks
make a	hole
twice as	high
sunny place	outside
pat more	soil

FILL IN THE GAP

easy
March
weeks
Check
warm
space
soil

MULTIPLE CHOICE

one
shoots
space
gently
once a day
a sunny place
March

TRUE OR FALSE

True
False
False
True

FIND AND COPY

sunlight
water
outside
(in the) new pot

SEQUENCING

3, 2, 1
2, 1, 3
2, 4, 1, 3
2, 3, 1, 4