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# What are foxes?

Foxes are wild animals that are related to dogs.

They sleep mostly during the day and come out to hunt at night. This is called being **nocturnal**.



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Foxes have long bodies, short legs, pointy noses and long ears.

They have very thick fur. In the winter, foxes grow an extra layer of fur to protect them from the cold.

The male fox has long fur on his neck, which is called a **ruff**.

Foxes have long, bushy tails. The tail of a fox is called a **brush**.

A female fox is called a **vixen**, and a male fox is called a **dog fox**. Young foxes are called **cubs**.

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What is a fox's tail called?

# All sorts of foxes

There are many kinds of foxes.

The **Arctic fox** lives in the cold northern parts of the world.





The **kit fox** lives in the North American desert. It has large ears and can hear very well.

A fox's tail is called a brush.

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The **red fox** now lives
in many countries of the world.
It has red-brown hairs
on the top of its body
and white hairs underneath.



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The red fox's brush is long,
very bushy and has a white tip.

Where does the Arctic fox live?

# A fox's home

A fox's underground home is called a **den.**

The red fox digs a tunnel
with a room at the end of it.
This room is called an **earth.**
The den has extra doorways
so that the fox can escape
from its enemies.



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Sometimes, foxes will live in a hole made by another animal.



If it can't dig into the ground, a fox will live in a hole under an old tree or rock.

A fox tries to make its home near good supplies of food.

What is a fox's home called?

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