





ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Hedgehogs and Other Insectivores

What is an insectivore? Do hedgehogs make good pets? What is a mole's favorite meal? Read *Hedgehogs and Other Insectivores* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. Shrews live on every continent except ...
 - a. North America
 - b. Asia and South America
 - c. Europe
 - d. Antarctica and Australia
2. Moonrats live in ...
 - a. Southeast Asia
 - b. Southwest Asia
 - c. Southeast Europe
 - d. Southwest Europe
3. The smallest mammal in North America is the ...
 - a. Hedgehog
 - b. Pygmy shrew
 - c. Mouse
 - d. Rat
4. The largest member of the mole family is the ...
 - a. Blind mole
 - b. European mole
 - c. Star-nosed mole
 - d. Russian desman mole
5. What type of insectivore is this?
6. What type of insectivore is this?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. There are 400 kinds of insectivores. | _____ 4. Shrews live about one to two years in captivity. |
| _____ 2. Hedgehogs have been known to eat poisonous snakes. | _____ 5. Solenodons can grow to nearly 3 feet in length. |
| _____ 3. Hedgehogs do not spit on themselves. | _____ 6. Hedgehogs make good pets and can help control pests in gardens and homes. |

ANSWERS

- 1. d. Antarctica and Australia.** According to section "Where in the World Do Insectivores Live?" on page 8, we know that "Insectivores live almost everywhere. Shrews, for example, live on every continent except Australia and Antarctica." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. a. Southeast Asia.** According to section "Are There Moonrats on the Moon?" on page 24, we know that "Despite their name, moonrats do not live on the moon, but in southeast Asia." So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. b. Pygmy shrew.** According to section "What Are Some of the Smallest Mammals?" on page 32, we know that "The pygmy shrew is the smallest mammal in North America." So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. d. Russian desman mole.** According to section "Which Is the Largest Member of the Mole Family?" on page 46, we know that "Desmans are larger than moles, growing to lengths of 14 inches (36 centimeters) from nose to tail." So, the correct answer is D.
- 5.** According to page 51, this photo shows a Haitian solenodon.
- 6.** According to page 55, this photo shows a tenrec.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "What Is an Insectivore?" on page 6, we know that "There are about 400 kinds, or species, of insectivores." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. True.** According to section "What Do Hedgehogs Eat?" on page 14, we know that "Hedgehogs have even been known to eat poisonous snakes!" So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. False.** According to section "Do Hedgehogs Really Spit on Themselves?" on page 18, we know that "Yes, hedgehogs do spit on themselves, but nobody really knows why." So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. True.** According to section "Why Do Shrews Have Short Lives?" on page 30, we know that "Shrews that live in captivity live only one or two years." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section "Which Insectivores Are a Rare Find?" on page 50, we know that "A solenodon can grow to nearly 2 feet (61 centimeters) in length and weigh around 1 ½ pounds (680 grams)." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. True.** According to section "What Connects People and Insectivores?" on page 58, we know that "Hedgehogs, as mentioned earlier, make surprisingly good pets and can help control pests in gardens and homes." So, the correct answer is True.