

True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the information in *Prairie Dog Burrows*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1	<input type="text" value="Prairie dogs live alone."/>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 2	<input type="text" value="Prairie dog pups are born in the spring or summer."/>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 3	<input type="text" value="Burrows are made of many tunnels and chambers."/>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 4	<input type="text" value="There is no ventilation in the tunnels."/>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 5	<input type="text" value="Prairie dog pups stay inside the burrow until they are one year old."/>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>

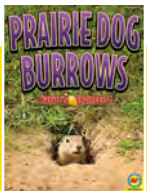


Image Match

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Using information found in the book, match each image to the sentence that best describes it. Write the number for each sentence in the space provided.

Image

Number



Sentence 1

Prairie dogs start by digging a hole in the ground in a flat area.



Sentence 2

A prairie dog colony can cover a large amount of land.



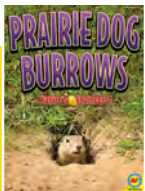
Sentence 3

Prairie dogs live in small groups called coteries.



Sentence 4

Below the hole, prairie dogs dig tunnels.



Fill in the Blanks

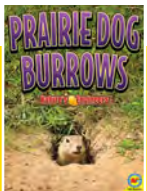
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Use the information found in *Prairie Dog Burrows* to help you complete the following activity.

1. Prairie dogs live in homes called burrows.
2. Some tunnels lead to , and others go back up to the surface.
3. Prairie dogs move the dirt outside the hole and form a .
4. Prairie dogs use their to push dirt along the tunnel's sides.
5. Each burrow has at least holes that reach the surface.
6. Prairie dogs take turns listening for signs of .



Complete the statements by writing the correct number in the box.

Some prairie dog burrows go more than this many feet underground.

4 to 8

Prairie dogs dig a hole this many inches wide to make an entrance.

20

The tunnels in a burrow can be more than this many feet long.

50 to 60

A prairie dog colony can include up to this many burrows.

10

A group of prairie dogs can dig this many holes in an acre of land.

50



Sections of a Burrow

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the information found in the book, as well as the library and online content, research the sections of a prairie dog burrow. Beside each entry, write a short explanation of the purpose of each section. Once you are finished, find a partner and discuss your findings.

	Section	Explanation
1.		
2.		
3.		



Nature's Engineers

Prairie Dog Burrows

Reference: All Pages

Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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1 How wide are prairie dog holes?

2 What is a prairie dog home called?

3 What protects prairie dog tunnels from floods?

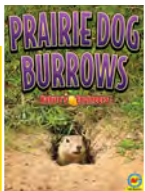
4 What are small groups of prairie dogs called?

5 What chamber holds prairie dog pups?

6 How long do prairie dog pups stay inside the burrow?

7 What sound do prairie dogs make to alert others?

8 What animals take over abandoned prairie dog burrows?



Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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KEY WORDS

environment
mound
unstable
predators
colony

nursery
pups
abandoned
ventilation
chambers



1.
left behind or no longer used

6.
a place where babies are kept

2.
spaces used as rooms

7.
animals that hunt other animals for food

3.
a group of animals that live together

8.
babies or young prairie dogs

4.
the natural surroundings of living things
in a particular place

9.
likely to move, change, or fall apart

5.
a hill or pile

10.
the process of bringing in fresh air
and removing stale air

