

# SQUIRRELS

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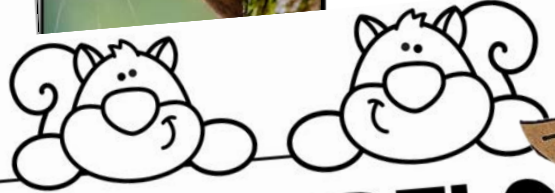
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_____	_____
_____	_____

squirrel



burrow



pup or kits



h



bushy tail



cache



weasel



## SQUIRRELS

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Fun Facts	In the wild, squirrels can live up to 14 years. They carefully gather and store food in a hole called a <b>cache</b> . You should never touch a squirrel because they carry many harmful <b>parasites</b> .
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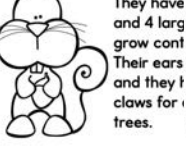


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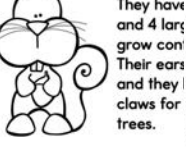


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This is our **SCHEMA**

All about **SQUIRRELS**



**NEW** SQUIRRELS

**OUR** SQUIRRELS

**CO** ARE

**K** WHAT I KNOW ABOUT SQUIRRELS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Before reading I will share **MY SCHEMA**...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
I just read a story about **SQUIRRELS**  
**HERE IS 1 THING I LEARNED...**

**HA** ALL about

**W** ALL about

**QUESTIONS I STILL HAVE ...**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRREL**  
NON-FICTION TEXT FEATURES  
 Find the heading/Habitat.  
 What page is it on?  
 Write down another heading.  
 Find the glossary. What page is it on?  
 Write down one word from meaning. Write a sentence.  
Word: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Highlight or circle all the bold words.  
 How many pages are in the book?  
 Find the heading: Squirrel

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRRELS**  
DIGGING FOR DETAILS  
Write 4 details you learned from the story.

Detail 1
Detail 2
Detail 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRRELS**  
FACT AND DETAILS  
Write 3 details that support the fact.

Fact	Squirrels eat many things.
Detail 1	
Detail 2	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRREL**  
FACT AND DETAILS  
Write 3 details that support the fact.

Fact	Squirrels are mammals.
Detail 1	
Detail 2	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRRELS**  
TEXT CONNECTIONS  
This story is: fiction non-fiction  
I can make a...  
 text to self connection  
 text to world connection  
 text to text connection  
This story made me think of

**LET'S GATHER FACTS ON A TOPIC:**  
**SQUIRRELS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRREL**  
CLARIFY MEANING  
Find a word in the text that needs clarification.  
Find the definition.  
Word: \_\_\_\_\_  
Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
Use the word in a sentence. Circle the word.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRRELS**  
MEANINGS  
Flip through the book. Write down 3 meanings.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRRELS**  
TABLE OF CONTENTS  
Flip through the book. Where did you find the table of contents?  
Write down 3 titles from the table of contents and the page that they are on.

Title	Page

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRRELS**  
GLOSSARY  
Flip through the book. Write down 2 words and the definitions from the glossary.

Word	Definition

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRREL**  
TABLE OF CONTENTS  
Only some non-fiction books have a Table of Contents. What are some of the topics in your book?  
Write up the Table of contents for this book?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**SQUIRRELS**  
After hearing the story, draw a picture of something you learned in the box below. Write a short caption explaining what is in your picture.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRREL**  
DRAW A PICTURE OF AN IMAGE FROM THE BOOK LABEL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TEXT CONNECTIONS  
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**NEW LEARNING**  
**SQUIRRELS**  
HERE ARE SOME FACTS I LEARNED

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRRELS**  
I just read a story about **SQUIRRELS**  
This is what I **WONDERED**... who, what, when, where, why, which, &  
This is what I **LEARNED**...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRRELS**  
**2 FACTS I LEARNED!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SQUIRREL ADAPTATIONS**  
Read each adaptation. Explain how it helps a squirrel.

A squirrel has a cache.	A squirrel lives in a burrow.
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**ABC ORDER SQUIRREL**


squirrel rodent  
mammal burrow  
trees nuts kit  
cache tail pup



abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

**WORD SEARCH SQUIRRELS**

squirrel rodent  
mammal burrow  
trees nuts kit  
cache tail pup  
predator parasite




s z c x v r o d e n t i t q w r e m

**SQUIRREL Making Words**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**SQUIRREL SYLLABLES**

squirrel	1	2	3	4	5
mammal	1	2	3	4	5
woodland	1	2	3	4	5
burrow	1	2	3	4	5

**PUNCTUATION**

Did you see the squirrel . ?

I saw squirrel by my house . ?

I wish I could see a squirrel . ?

How small is a squirrel . ?

**SQUIRREL SURVEY**

Survey 10 classmates and tally their opinion.

Have you ever seen a squirrel in person?

Yes	_____
No	_____

**SQUIRREL FACT VS. OPINION**

Squirrels are very nice.

Squirrels are mammals, they have fur.

Squirrels are silly animals.

Squirrels live in trees and underground.

Squirrels eat nuts and berries.

Squirrels are adorable.

Squirrels are beautiful.

Squirrels have bushy tails.

**SQUIRRELS**

Squirrels have \_\_\_\_\_

Squirrels can \_\_\_\_\_

Squirrels live \_\_\_\_\_

Squirrels eat \_\_\_\_\_

Squirrels are \_\_\_\_\_

**SQUIRRELS**

Squirrels have bushy tails, the \_\_\_\_\_

Squirrels are mammals, they \_\_\_\_\_

Squirrels have sharp claws, the \_\_\_\_\_

**SQUIRREL**

\_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_



**Story Mapping Opinion MY OPINION OF SQUIRRELS**

I agree/disagree | I love | My favorite | I would rather | I think

In my opinion | I feel | like/don't like | if I had | I believe

**Middle Details**

First	Second	Third	Last
Next	Also	Another reason	Finally

**SQUIRRELS**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SQUIRRELS**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Story Mapping Informative Writing Squirrels**

I know facts \_\_\_\_\_ are interesting \_\_\_\_\_ are amazing \_\_\_\_\_ are fun.

Let me teach \_\_\_\_\_ Let me inform \_\_\_\_\_ Let me persuade \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know...? Have you wondered...? What would it be like...?

**SQUI**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**FACTS SQUIRRELS LEARNED!**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ABOUT SQUIR**

**WORD WORK & WRITING**

**Closing or Conclusion**

Clearly | As you can see | In conclusion | To summarize | Now you

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**RESEARCH REPORT**

**SQUIRR TABLE OF CONTENTS**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ANIMAL GROUP**

A squirrel belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ group because...

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SQUIRREL CRAFT**

**HAPPY BABIES**


A squirrel \_\_\_\_\_

This is what I learned about a squirrel baby.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A picture of a squirrel baby.




**FOOD**

A squirrel eats...

\_\_\_\_\_


\_\_\_\_\_

Illustrate.



**LABEL**

Here is a picture of a squirrel with labeled parts.



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**FUN FACTS**

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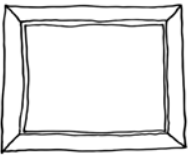
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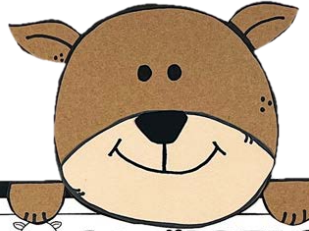
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