

School of Professor Brock

Level **Standard**

Badger basics

The Eurasian badger is Britain's biggest land predator

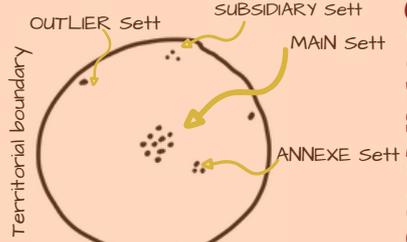


And a member of the mustelid family

Underground homes

Badgers live underground in **SETTS**, a network of tunnels & chambers. They have several **SETTS** in their **TERRITORY**. Territories are smaller where food is plentiful and larger where food is scarce

Badgers patrol the boundaries of their territories



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Social but not sociable

Badgers don't act cooperatively with other **CLAN** members. For example, they don't help each other find food

Nocturnal

Badgers are **NOCTURNAL**. They come out at night. As burrowers, they have small eyes with a reflective layer to help gather light



Do UK badgers hibernate?

No, but they are less active outside the sett during Winter



Smell Smell is a badger's best sense and vital for communication. It's 700 to 800 times better than ours!

Omnivore

Badgers eat animal and plant matter and are known as **OMNIVORES**. They like earthworms best, eating up to 200 a night!



Foragers

Badgers spend the night **FORAGING** and may cover over a mile during a night

Grooming

Badgers often **GROOM** to:

- remove parasites
- bond with other clan members



Dig!! Badgers are great diggers! As well as setts, they also dig dung pits as toilets, and sniff holes when searching for food



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Badgers move **BACKWARDS** when digging their setts and when dragging bedding to their sett!

Creatures of habit

Badgers may occupy the same setts and follow the same paths for generations. You can see their tracks in the countryside

