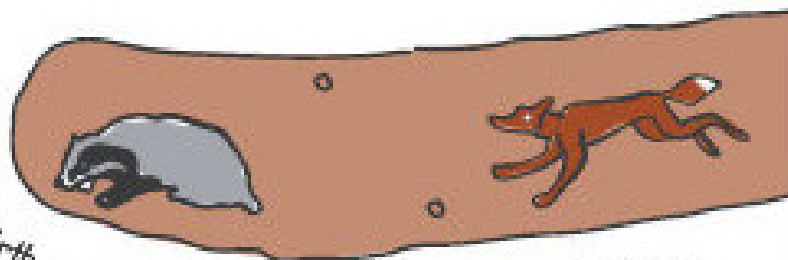


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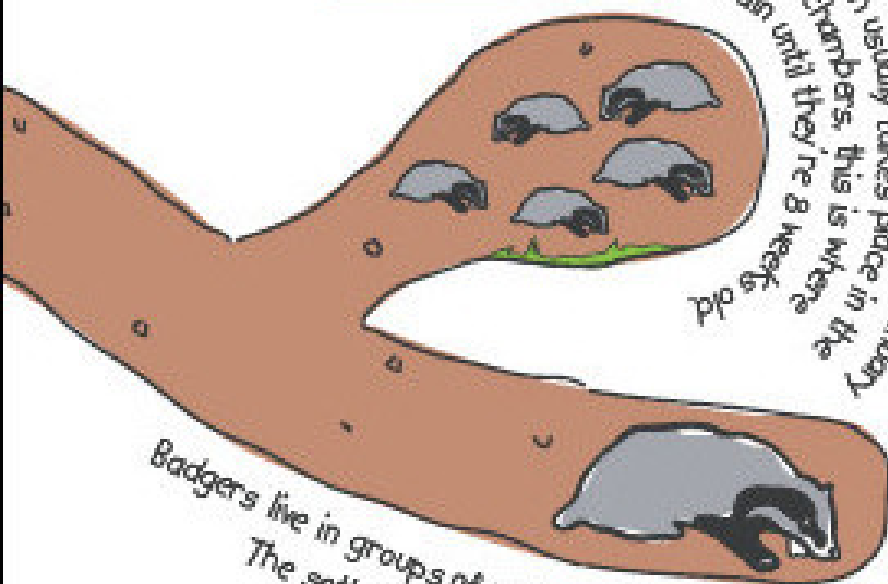
Badgers are amongst the fastest digging animals on the planet. Badgers can dig faster than a man with a spade.



Badgers give birth to between 1 and 5 cubs during January and March. The birth usually takes place in the underground chambers, this is where they remain until they're 8 weeks old.



Disused badger setts are sometimes used by rabbits and foxes.



Badgers live in groups of up to 15 in an earthen sett. The sett is lined with vegetation which the badger renews frequently.

Badgers communicate by smell. Each has a slightly different musky scent and that's how they recognise one another.



Badgers are very heavy for their size. Their weight changes frequently depending on the food available in their area, and also on the time of year. On average an adult badger will weigh between 6.5 and 12 kilograms.

A badger sett may be hundreds of years old.



Female badgers are called sows and males boars.

