

Squirrels, Mice and All Things Nice!

The mouse family (mice, rats and squirrels and so on) are called *rodents*. There are lots of different types of rodent! See if you can match the clue to the rodent!



Beaver

Squirrel

Capybara

Guinea Pig

Naked Mole Rat

Porcupine

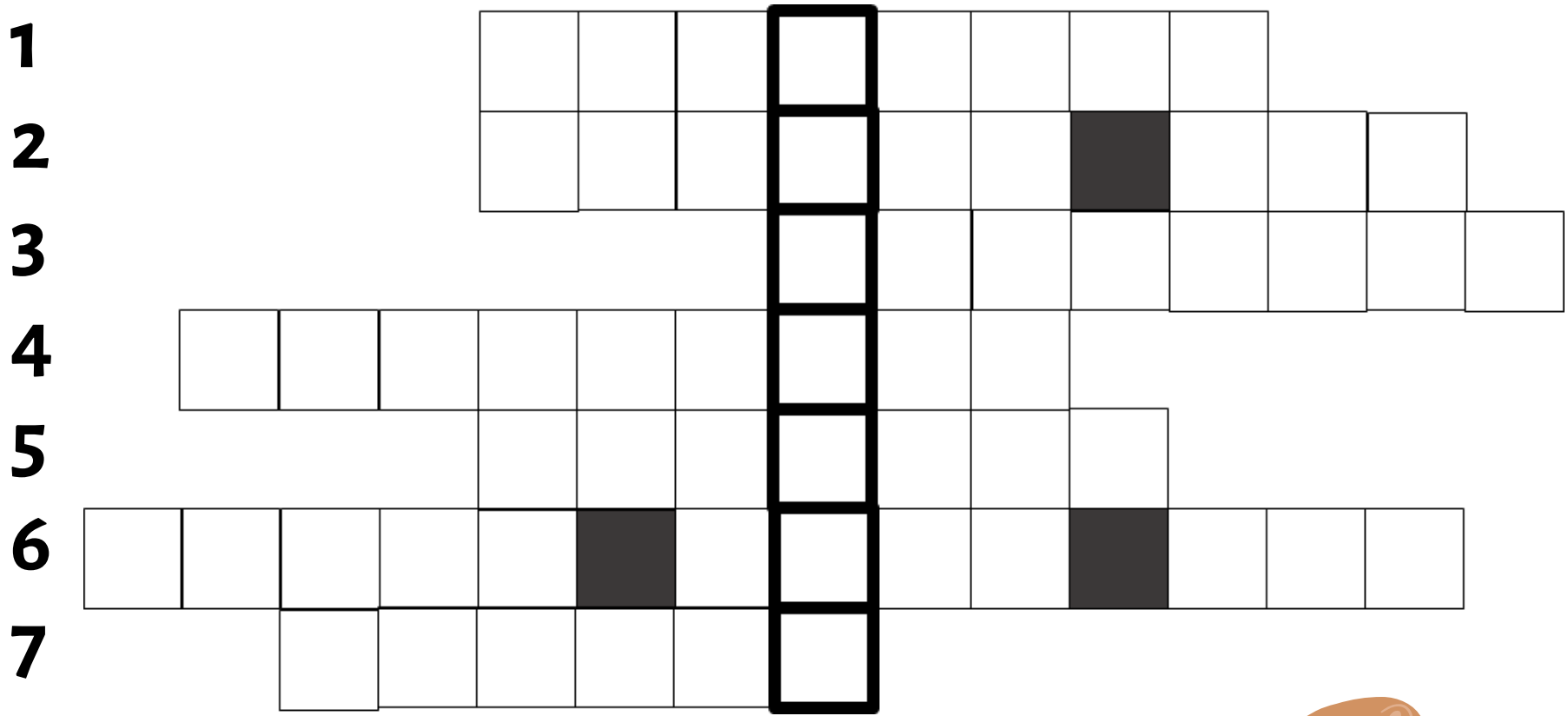
Hamster



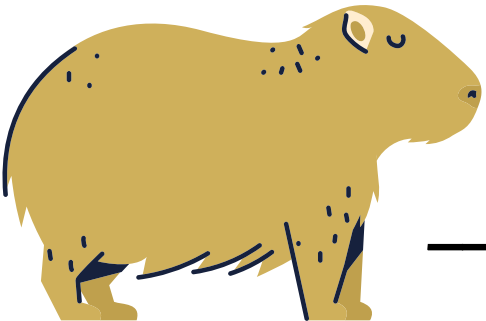
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- 3) This is the largest rodent in the world! _____
- 4) Ouch! They're covered in sharp spines that keep them safe! _____
- 5) They are common pets that love running on wheels _____
- 6) How rude! They live underground and have no fur _____
- 7) Timber! These strong swimmers cut down trees to build dams _____



All those different types of rodent have one thing in common! Put your answers to the rodents into the crossword, to find the hidden word and learn what they all share!



What is the hidden word?



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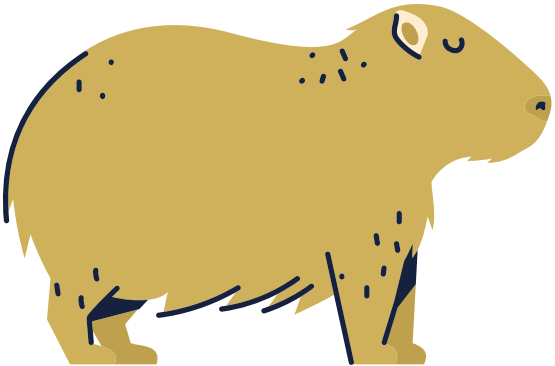
Did you work them out?

Were there any rodents you hadn't heard of?



Crossword Answers

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5					h	a	m	s	t	e	r								
6	n	a	k	e	d		m	o	l	e		r	a	t					
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What is the hidden word?

incisor



All rodents have big 'incisor' teeth! These are the same as your front teeth. They are normally for chopping up your food as you eat it. Rodents use these for 'gnawing' on things, such as wood or seeds and nuts. Their incisor teeth are really strong but get worn down all the time, so rodents continue to grow them for their whole life!

Different rodents use those teeth in different ways. Beavers use their incisors to cut down trees, while squirrels can tackle nuts that are too string for other animals to eat. Naked mole rats use their teeth for burrowing through the ground.

What's your favourite rodent?

