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GROUNDHOGS

Groundhogs are exciting animals. They are rodents like rats and mice, and they love to do many things.

First, they love to eat and eat. All day long they love to eat. Groundhogs eat plants and flowers. They eat fruits and veggies.

A groundhog will have dirt on his nose a lot. Why? The dirt is from digging under the ground. They dig holes all over underground. These holes are called tunnels. Groundhogs live in the holes. They pile up food in the holes. In the winter, they sleep inside, and the tunnels keep them safe and warm.

When it is spring, they have babies. The babies are called pups. The pups play games, and the mother watches them. She makes a loud noise if the pups are in danger. The pups run back to the burrow so they will be safe.

They are fun to watch when they play and when they dig. Groundhogs are always busy digging or playing!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Which compound word is **NOT** used in this passage?
 - a. groundhogs
 - b. inside
 - c. outside
 - d. underground
2. What is the name for something that groundhogs dig?

a. tunnel	c. pups
b. danger	d. food
3. Which one of the sentences is a fact?
 - a. Groundhogs are as big as a cat.
 - b. Groundhogs love to dig in the dirt.
 - c. Groundhogs are orange and black.