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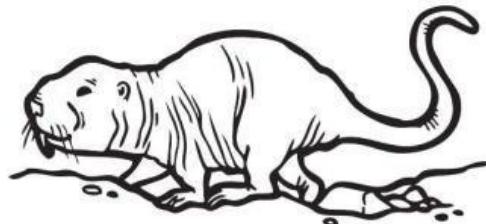
MOLE RAT

Mole rats are strange. They have no fur, but live in the ground. Mole rats look like rats, and they live like bees or ants. They have very sharp teeth. The teeth are located in the front of their mouths. Two teeth are on top, and two teeth are on the bottom.

They live with many other mole rats. One mole rat has babies, and she is the queen. She can have up to one hundred babies a year. The other mole rats bring her food. They make sure she is safe, and they care for her babies.

All of the mole rats have jobs. Small mole rats find food and keep the tunnel clean. The big mole rats dig. The biggest mole rats make sure the mole rats are safe.

Mole rats dig and dig. Scientists think they dig to look for roots to eat. Some mole rats can now be seen in zoos.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. According to the text, what is a mole rat?
 - a. an animal that looks like a rat, but lives like a bee or an ant
 - b. an animal that looks like a bird, but acts like a dog
 - c. an animal that looks like a cat, but acts like a bird
2. Using the words around it, other words for *queen* would be . . .
 - a. the mole rat that takes care of the babies.
 - b. the mole rat that cleans out the nest.
 - c. the mole rat that finds food.
 - d. the mole rat that is the boss.
3. **Homophones** are words that sound alike, but mean different things. Which one is used correctly?
 - a. Sum of the holes are small.
 - b. Some of the mole rats dig for roots.
 - c. Sum mole rats can be seen in the zoo.