



In the wild meerkats live in Africa. They like hot, dry desert areas.

They live underground and love digging burrows. A group of meerkats is called a mob or a gang.

They are about 35 cm to 50 cm long with a tail about 25 cm long. They have black patches around their eyes.

During the day they come out of their burrows and hunt for food. They eat lots of different foods, including flies, ants, worms, small lizards and fruit.

When they are outside one of the family will always act as a guard, sitting upright and looking out for danger.



In the UK meerkats are often found in zoos.

Fill in the missing words:

1. Meerkats live in
2. They live and dig
3. During the they hunt for

Try to answer these questions in sentences:

4. How long is a meerkat's tail?

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5. What food do meerkats eat?.....

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6. What job does the meerkat guard do?.....

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Draw a picture of a meerkat.

Answers

1. Meerkats live in Africa.
2. They live underground and dig burrows.
3. During the day they hunt for food.
4. A meerkat's tail is about 25 cm long.
5. Meerkats eat lots of different foods, including flies, ants, worms, small lizards and fruit.
6. The meerkat guard sits upright and looks out for danger.