Name: _____ Date: _____

Moles Are Diggers

Circle group

A mole lives under the ground. It has a soft nose and tiny eyes. It does not need to see much in the dark.

A mole has big front paws. They are wide, like shovels. The mole digs a tunnel and pushes the dirt aside.

The tunnels are a home. They are also a place to find food. Worms fall in, and the mole eats them. You may see small hills of dirt on the grass.

Questions

1. Where does a mole live?

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2. What are the front paws like?

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3. What does a mole eat?

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4. What may you see on the grass?

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5. Why are tiny eyes fine for a mole?

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Words to know

mole: a small animal that digs tunnels in the ground
tunnel: a long hole under the ground
shovel: a tool for digging
paw: the foot of an animal that has claws

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Moles Are Diggers

Triangle group

A mole spends most of its life under the ground. It has a long, soft nose and tiny eyes. It does not need to see much in the dark.

A mole has big front paws. They are wide, like little shovels. The mole pushes the dirt aside and digs a tunnel. It is a fast digger.

The tunnels are a home. They are also a place to find food. Worms fall into the tunnels, and the mole eats them. When a mole makes a lot of tunnels, you may see small hills of dirt on the grass.

Questions

1. Where does a mole spend most of its life?

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2. What do a mole's front paws look like?

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3. What does a mole eat?

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4. What may you see on the grass when a mole digs?

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5. Why do tiny eyes not hurt a mole?

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Moles Are Diggers

Square group

A mole spends nearly all of its life beneath the ground. It has a long, soft nose and very small eyes, because it does not need to see much in the darkness.

Its big front paws are wide and flat, much like little shovels. The mole pushes the dirt aside and digs a tunnel, and it is a remarkably fast digger.

The tunnels serve as a home and as a place to find food. Worms fall into the tunnels, and the mole eats them. When a mole digs many tunnels, you may notice small hills of dirt on the grass above.

Questions

1. Where does a mole spend nearly all of its life?

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2. What are a mole's front paws like?

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3. What does a mole eat?

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4. What may you notice on the grass above when a mole digs many tunnels?

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5. Why do very small eyes not cause trouble for a mole?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Moles Are Diggers

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Moles Are Diggers

Easier · 76 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Under the ground.
2. Wide, like shovels.
3. Worms.
4. Small hills of dirt.
5. It lives in the dark and does not need to see much.

Triangle: Moles Are Diggers

This passage · 97 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.8

1. Under the ground.
2. Wide, like little shovels.
3. Worms.
4. Small hills of dirt.
5. It lives in the dark, where it does not need to see much.

Square: Moles Are Diggers

Harder · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.8

1. Beneath the ground.
2. Wide and flat, like little shovels.
3. Worms that fall into its tunnels.
4. Small hills of dirt.
5. It lives in the darkness, where it does not need to see much.