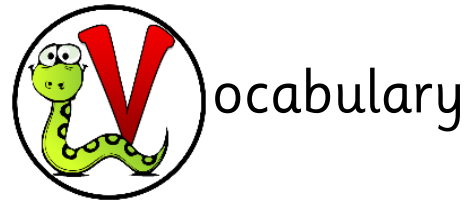


Our reading skills:



Today we will be using these skills:

VOCABULARY

INFER

EXPLAIN

RETRIEVE

SEQUENCE



New vocabulary we will  
need:

Prepare- *get ready*

Hibernate/ hibernation- *go to  
sleep for winter.*

My turn ...  
Together ...  
Your turn ...





Is this fact or fiction?

# Hibernating Animals

## What Is Hibernation?

Hibernation is how some animals survive the winter. They find a safe place and fall into a very deep sleep. Animals such as hedgehogs, dormice and bats hibernate to escape the cold of winter.

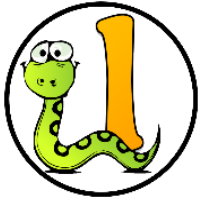
Whilst animals are hibernating, their body temperature drops and their breathing becomes much slower.

Some animals hibernate for the winter because the weather is much colder and it is hard for them to find food. When the weather warms up in the spring, they will wake up again.

## How Do Animals Prepare for Hibernation?

Before going into hibernation, many animals prepare by eating extra food. They store this as fat in their bodies to help keep them alive while they sleep.





It is fact, so it is non-fiction. The real photographs were the clue I used to tell me this.



**Dormice** hibernate between October and April. They roll themselves into a ball in a nest of leaves and grass on the ground.

**Bats** go into hibernation from November or December until March or April. They often hibernate in empty buildings, old trees or caves. Bats might hibernate on their own or in small groups.



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Explain why the words November and January have capital letters.



Can you recite the names of the months in order? Which ones are the winter months?

## Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs like to eat insects, snails and worms. In the winter, it is harder for them to find food so they have to hibernate.

Hedgehogs go into hibernation anytime from November to January. They usually hibernate under a pile of dry leaves. They make a nest of dry leaves and grass to keep themselves warm. They never hibernate outside their nest but they will sometimes wake up and move nests before going back to sleep.





Write a list of all the proper nouns in the text.



Find another word in the text that means **live**.



List 3 things that a hedgehog eats.



Explain what animals do to prepare for hibernation.



Why do you think only some animals hibernate?