

Badger Basics 2:



There are between **250,000 – 310,000** badgers in the Britain.

Can you find out what the human population in Britain is?



In Scotland there are around **35,000** badgers. They are distributed all across Scotland.

Each black dot on the map represents an area that has badgers.

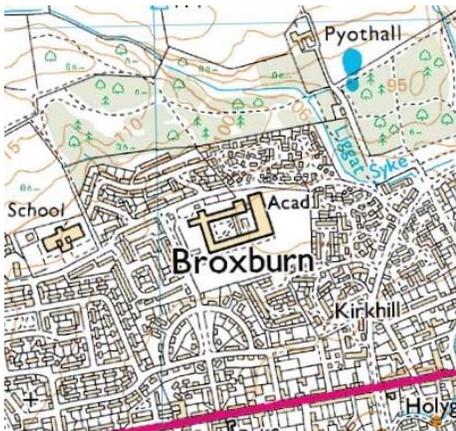
Did you expect there to be that many badgers in Scotland?

Most of Scotland's badgers live in the South:

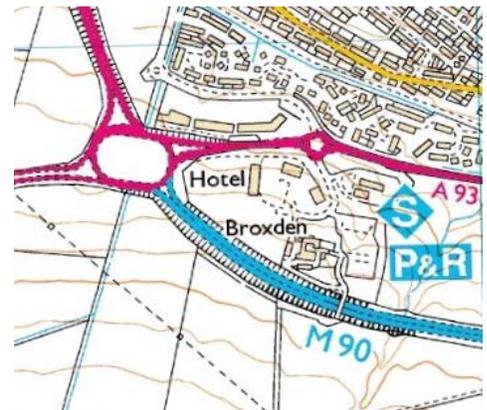
Lothians, Borders, Dumfries and Galloway, Fife and Strathclyde.

Badgers also live in the Scottish Highlands and some of the Scottish islands such as Arran.

Place names with 'BROC' or 'BROX' in the title tell us that badgers use to live there (and often still do)



Can you find any more places that have either 'BROC' or 'BROX' in them?



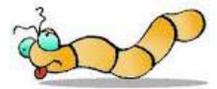


Badgers like to live in the woods, on sloping ground close to grass or fields, sand dunes, mountains, moorlands, rubbish tips and towns and cities...

They also like:

- Trees to provide cover to keep them **SAFE**
- Tree roots provide a 'roof' to their underground houses

- Sloping ground means that the water drains through their sett more easily and their sett doesn't become flooded. Also, it means they don't have to dig so much to get deep underground.
- They like to be close to grass or fields because they like to munch on **WORMS**



What kind of habitats do badgers like?

Look closely at the six pictures of different habitats.

Put a tick next to the ones you think badgers may like to live in.



Woodland



Sand Dunes



The Moon



A house



A Park



Swamp

Setts

Between 3-20 badgers can occupy a sett

Badgers live together in **CLANS**.

Clans are made up of around six badgers, both family members and badgers from neighbouring clans.

Badger territories can be between 30-175 acres

Each 'clan' defends a territory about 1 kilometre wide.

Where else have you heard the word clan?

Badgers live underground in **SETTS**.

They have a '**MAIN SETT**' that they use all year round. The 'main sett' is where the badgers normally have their cubs.

They also have several **SATELLITE SETTS** that they use from time to time e.g. for a snooze after a large dinner.

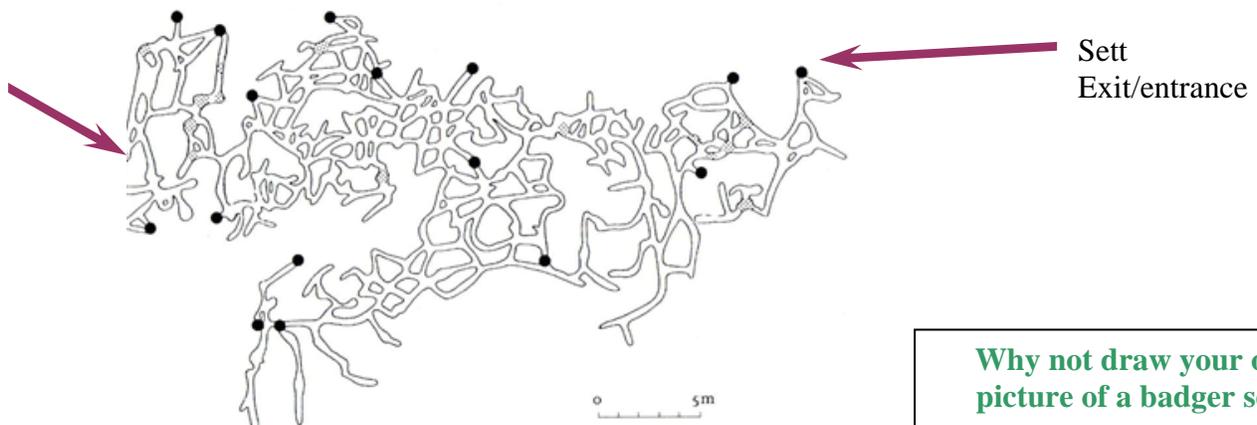
Setts are like underground houses complete with corridors (**TUNNELS**) and separate rooms.

The picture below shows you all the different exits and tunnels in a badger sett – looks like a maze doesn't it?

Did you know tunnels can be up to 100m long!

Can you count how many different exits/entrances there are?

Tunnels



Why not draw your own picture of a badger sett?