

Badgers and Science

Ideas



1. Compare the skeleton of a badger with other animals. Are there any similarities? What are the differences?
2. Compare the skeleton of a badger with a human skeleton. What are the differences?
3. Find pictures/actual skulls (if available): human, herbivore, carnivore, and omnivore (badger) Try and draw the skulls labeling the main parts. What are the main differences? Are there any similarities?
4. Territory size. Can you suggest ways of determining how large a badger's territory is? Can you think of a way using raisins? Remember the Rules of the Settle if visiting.
5. Pooh dissection. Using rubber gloves collect some badger dung and dissect them carefully. What has the badger been munching?

Now try and find some owl pellets, fox dung, sheep pooh and rabbit droppings.

Can you work out what they have been feasting on?

Remember to wash your hands!

6. Different animals have different gestation periods. A badger's is two months. What does gestation period mean? What is the gestation period of other animals?

Construct a table/graph showing your results

7. Badgers have delayed gestation, what does this mean? Why do they adopt this method? Do any other animals have delayed gestation?