

Fox in the Dark



Reading just got wild!



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BEFORE YOU START...

The child reads the big, bold type. This contains the most common words, words that can be decoded or words containing the sound being learnt.



The text in the corner is just for the adult or reading partner. This is to develop the child's vocabulary and promote discussion.

ar

Say "ar" (as in "dark").

Say it **quiet**, say it **loud** and say it **silly**! Trace the letters with your finger... Let's go!

Foxes like to rest in their dens during daylight, coming out at dusk.



Fox is in the den until dark.

*Fox diets are very wide ranging.
In towns and cities, they look for
easy meals left by humans.*



Fox has not fed. Where to start?

*Clever urban foxes can quickly become familiar
with areas humans use, such as parks.*



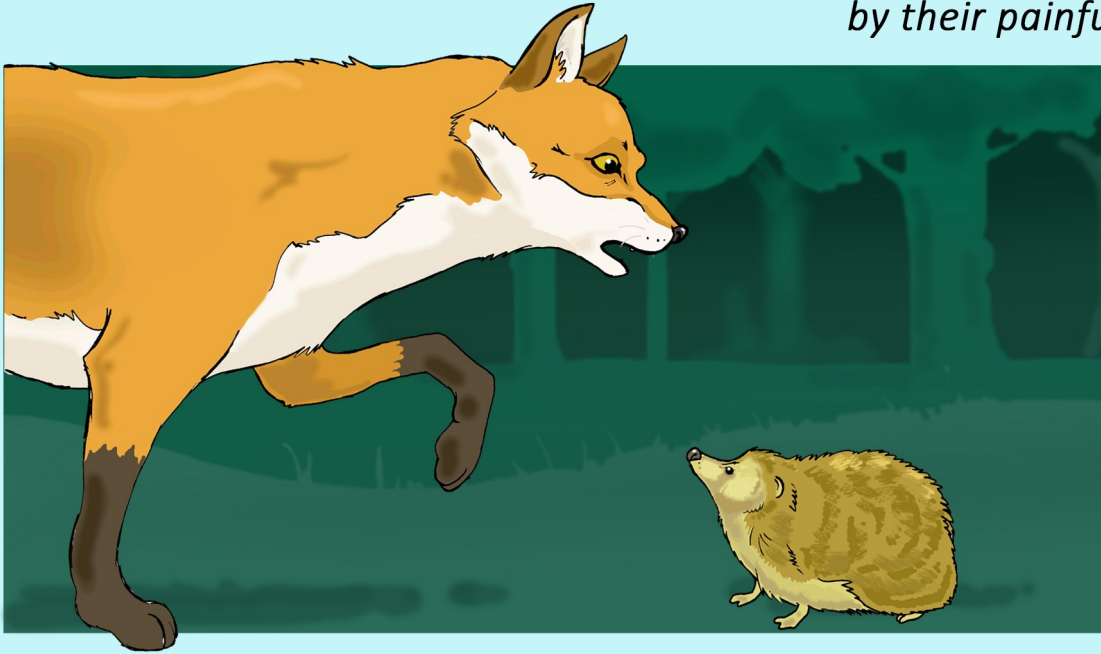
Fox can trot to the park.

Foxes are curious creatures, sniffing out any potential sources of food.



It is dark in the park.

*Hedgehogs might make a good meal,
but in most cases, foxes are deterred
by their painful spikes.*



This is too sharp. Where next?

*Because there is so much food in towns,
urban foxes grow bigger than those in
countryside areas.*



Fox will trot to the market.

*Foxes will search through rubbish
bins to seek out a tasty treat.
They can leave a big mess!*



The jar is too hard. Where next?

*Foxes will happily move between towns
and their natural habitat, the countryside.*



Fox trots to the farm.

*Foxes are known to take ducks
and chickens from farms.*



The farm is dark.

*Foxes are smart enough to run away
from danger. Large dogs will soon
scare them away.*



A dog barks an alarm!

car market dark

bark jar apart

sharp bar park

far dart farm



FAST FINGER FINDER CHALLENGE!

How many randomly selected words can you find in 30 seconds?

TRY TO BEAT YOUR SCORE!



THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES MAY BE PRINTED/ COPIED FOR USE IN SCHOOL OR HOME

Please use the most appropriate of the differentiated tasks as to suit the learner.

car

dart

park

far

sharp

bark

market

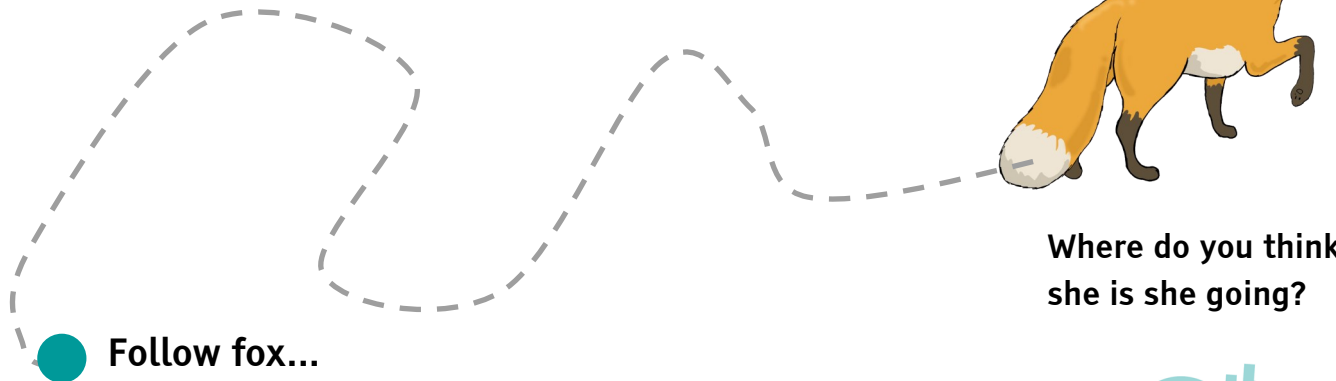
farmyard

apart

hard

ar	1st try	2nd try	3rd try
car			
dart			
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far			
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HANDWRITING



Where do you think
she is she going?

Trace the words, then transfer them on to the line.



car

park

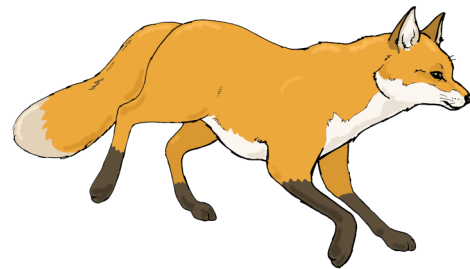
farm



WRITING



Can you use this word bank to create some sentences about foxes?



sharp



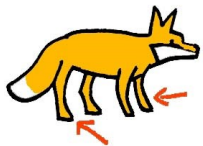
orange



fur



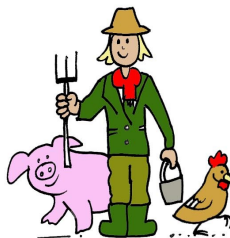
teeth



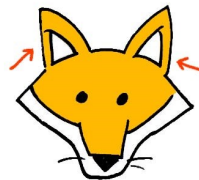
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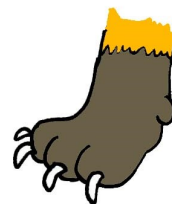
night



farmer



ears



claws

The talented _____'s _____ sold for lots.



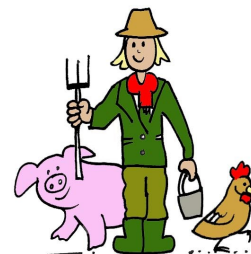
This is very _____ !

The _____ was full .



I can rip this _____ .

The _____ had lots of hens and pigs.



artist sharp apart farmer art carpark



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"ar" like "dark"

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