

The discovery of the **greater white-toothed shrew** in the UK could be bad news for our **native shrews**, as it is bigger, breeds faster and may cause many problems.



We can detect which species are in an area by investigating the contents of **owl pellets**. When owls eat **smalls mammals**, like mice, voles and shrews, they cough up a bundle of **fur** and **bones**, which we call a **pellet**.



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## What is a mammal?

Mammals are a special group of animals that share certain features. Can you draw in the missing things as asked for in each of the examples?



Like this **pine marten**, most mammals have **furry bodies** that keep them warm. They often have **ears** on the outside.

The pine marten needs a branch to climb along. Can you draw one?

Mammals **give birth** to their young, just like this **grey seal**.

Can you add some smooth beach pebbles for them to lie on?





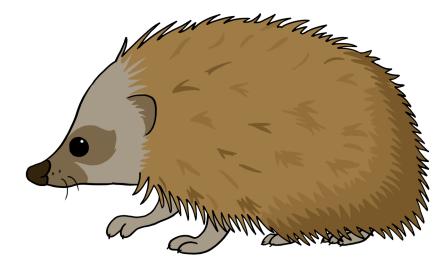
All mammals feed their young with **milk** produced by their mothers.

These badgers need a nest of soft grass. Can you make them nice and cozy?









Can you draw what the hedgehog needs to be healthy and happy?

- Juicy **snails** and **slugs** to eat.
- A **pond** get a drink of water.
- Holes in fences to sneak through.
- A **pile of leaves** to hide in during winter.

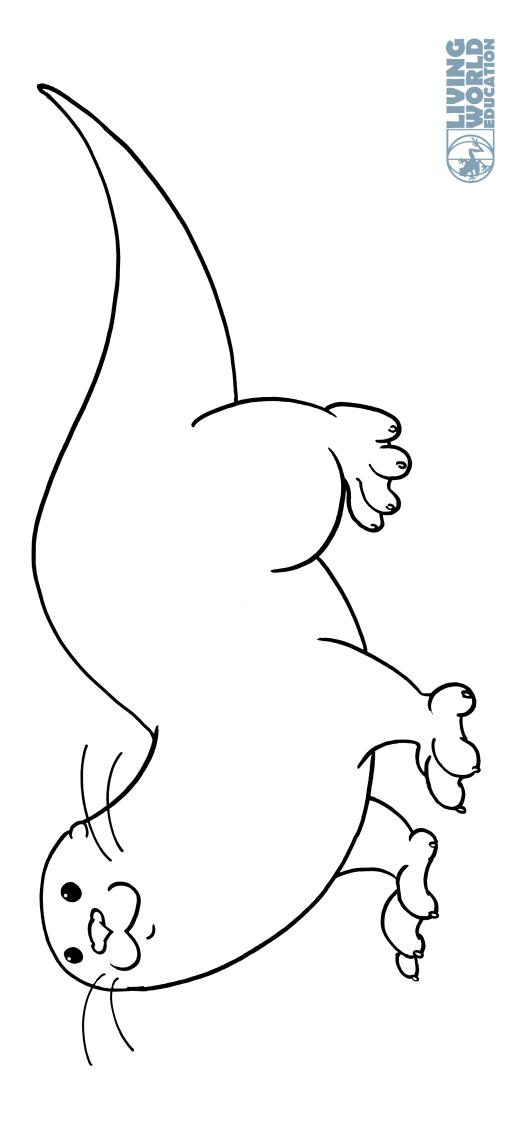
Take this home and help a hedgehog in your garden!

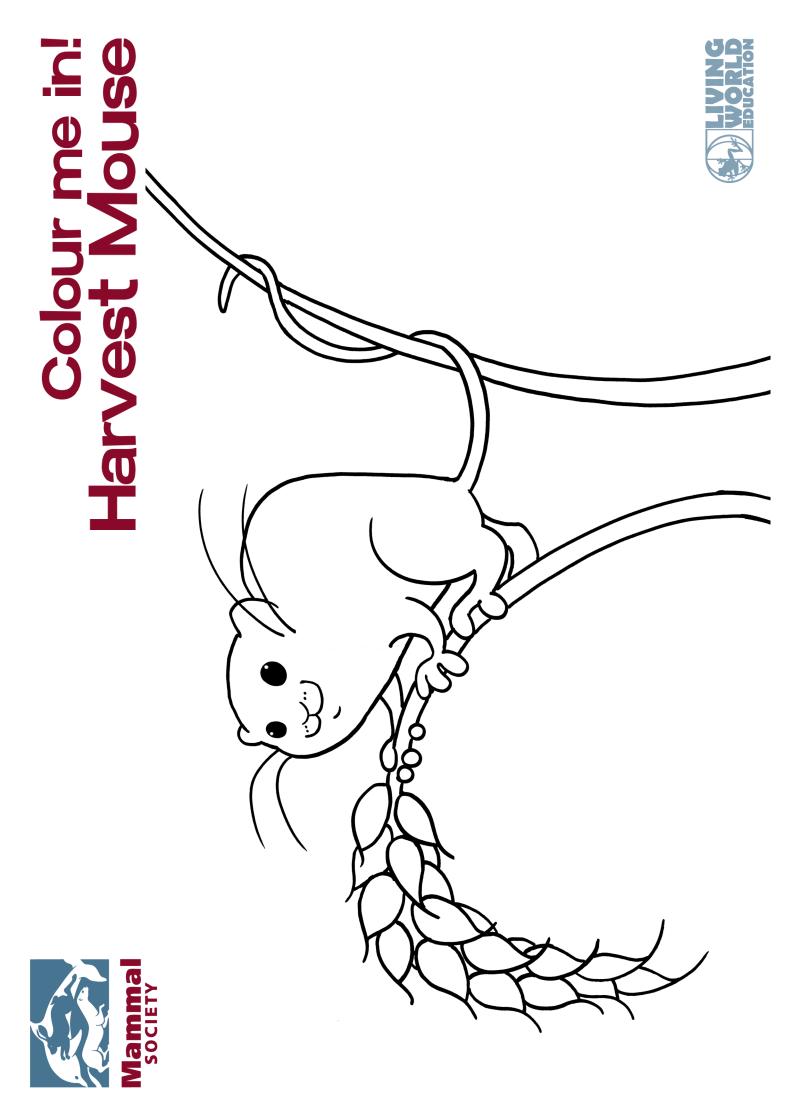


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