

# POP! TEACHER RESOURCE



Lesson Plan



## Meerkat Mix-Up

Lesson Plan for *Meerkats*

Grade 1

### Objective

To help students practice recalling key details from texts about meerkats.

### Things Needed

- *Meerkats* book
- Access to the “Meerkats” web page on the Pop! website:  
<https://popbooksonline.com/desert-animals/meerkats>
- Meerkat Mix-Up worksheet (attached)

### Before the Activity

Read the *Meerkats* book out loud to students. Print out a worksheet for each student, or email the worksheet to students.

### Activity

Open the “Meerkats” web page in your internet browser. Click on the “Learn More” tab. Read the caption for the image out loud to students. Then ask the following questions:

- What does this caption tell us about? (Answer: It describes meerkat burrows.)
- What are the burrows like? (Sample Answers: They go deep underground. Each burrow has many tunnels. It has multiple entrances and exits.)

To learn more about how burrows help meerkats, students will fill out the Meerkat Mix-Up worksheet. Explain that this worksheet has sentences about meerkat burrows. But one word in each sentence is all mixed up. Students should unscramble the letters and write this word in the space under the sentence. If they get stuck, they can look back through the *Meerkats* book.



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## **Evaluation**

After students have written their answers, use the attached answer key to reveal the correct answers and have students correct their work. If needed, you can use the page numbers provided in the answer key to give students clues during the activity as well.

## **Standards**

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.2, 1.3).



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# Meerkat Mix-Up

Unscramble the mixed-up word in each sentence and write it in the space below.

1. Meerkats live in **stedres**.
2. Underground burrows help keep meerkats **loco**.
3. Meerkat burrows also help them hide from **roarpetds**.
4. Meerkats dig burrows with their long **wascl**.
5. When meerkats dig, their ears close to keep out **itdr**.
6. Meerkats have thin, clear **yeesdil**.
7. A meerkat's eyelids clear **dsna** from its eyes when it blinks.
8. Meerkat pups are **obrn** in the burrows.
9. Meerkat **mefailsi** teach pups how to hunt, hide, and stay clean.



# Meerkat Mix-Up ANSWER KEY

Unscramble the mixed-up word in each sentence and write it in the space below.

1. Meerkats live in **stedres**.

**deserts (p. 8)**

2. Underground burrows help keep meerkats **loco**.

**cool (p. 8)**

3. Meerkat burrows also help them hide from **roarpetds**.

**predators (p. 8)**

4. Meerkats dig burrows with their long **wascl**.

**claws (p. 10)**

5. When meerkats dig, their ears close to keep out **itdr**.

**dirt (p. 10)**

6. Meerkats have thin, clear **yeedsil**.

**eyelids (p. 11)**

7. A meerkat's eyelids clear **dsna** from its eyes when it blinks.

**sand (p. 11)**

8. Meerkat pups are **obrn** in the burrows.

**born (p. 18)**

9. Meerkat **mefailsi** teach pups how to hunt, hide, and stay clean.

**families (p. 20)**

