

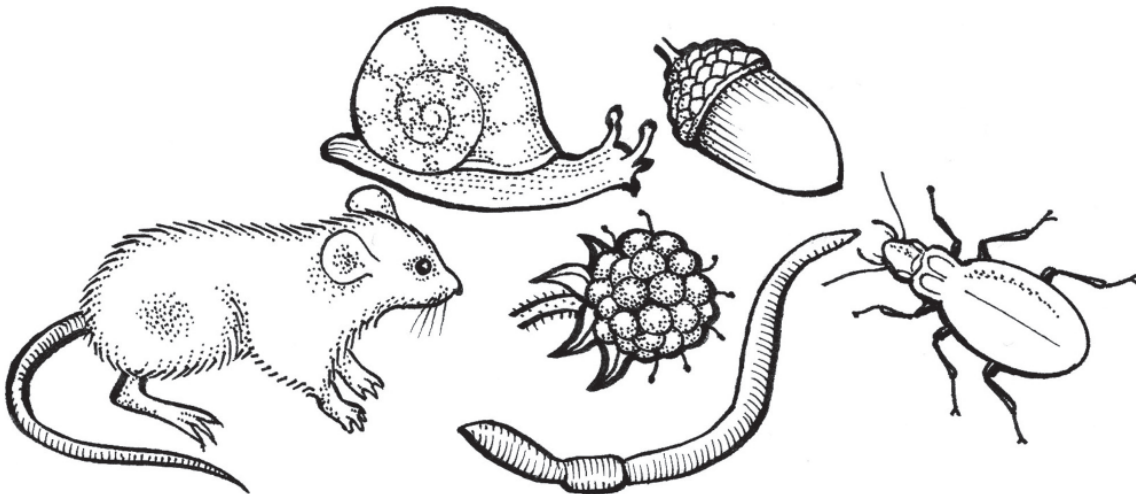
How do we know what badgers eat?

DID YOU KNOW?

Scientists examine badger droppings to see what food the badger was eating. This is easy to do because badgers in a sett all use a special place near the sett as a toilet. This place is called a badger's latrine.

Animal scientists called Zoologists examined droppings from 4 different latrines at different times of the year and this is what they found:

Latrine 1	Latrine 2	Latrine 3	Latrine 4
Earthworm hairs	Hedgehog spines	Blackberry seeds	Rabbit fur
Wheat grains	Rat bones	Snail shells	Earthworm hairs
Skins of leatherjackets	Jelly from frog spawn	Acorn shells	Mouse bones
Fungi	Slug remains	Beetle backs	Tinned dog food & hamburger



Examine these results carefully and answer the following questions:

Which latrine was examined in Autumn? _____

Which latrine was near a town? _____

Which latrine was examined in Spring? _____

Which one was near a ploughed field with a growing crop? _____

Which food was found more than once? _____

In your copies, draw up three different food chains for badgers.