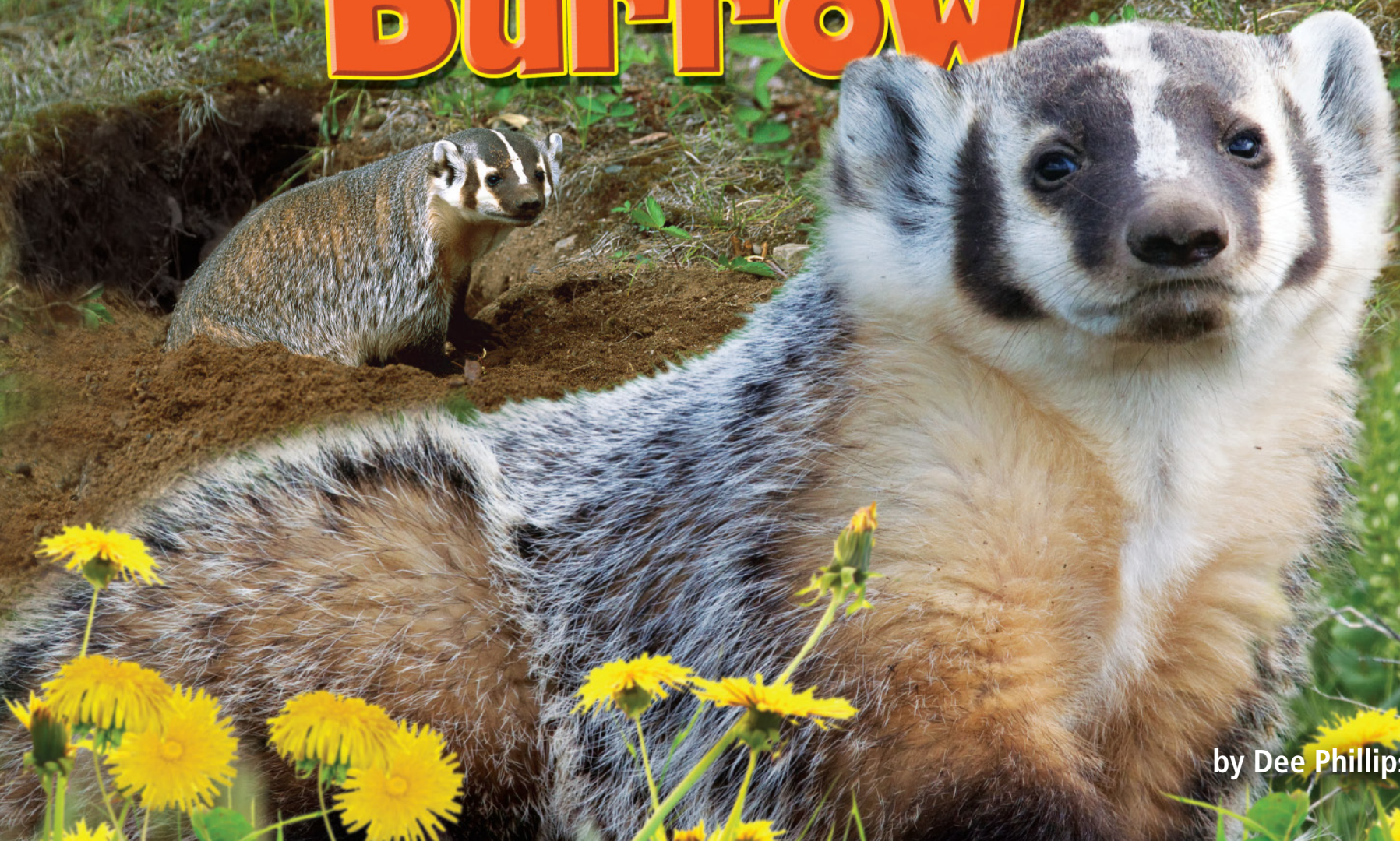


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# A Badger's Hiding Place

It is early evening, and the sun will go down soon.

Suddenly, a striped face peeks out of a hole at the edge of a meadow.

It's an American badger, and the hole is the entrance to its **burrow**.

meadow



burrow

All day, the badger has been asleep in its underground hiding place.

Now, it is wide-awake and ready to spend the night searching for food.







burrow  
entrance

Badgers sleep, hide  
from enemies, and  
raise their babies in  
their burrows.

American  
badger

What do you think the inside of a  
badger's burrow looks like?



# Check Out a Badger

Badgers belong to the same animal family as otters and weasels.

They are chunky animals with wide, flat bodies and short legs.

They have thick, gray hair on their bodies and grayish-brown and white striped faces.

Badgers dig burrows in open, grassy places such as **prairies** and meadows.

striped face





An adult badger is about 25 inches (64 cm) long from its nose to the tip of its tail.

Look at this picture of a badger. How do you think the animal makes its burrow?



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## Answers

### Answers to the activity on page 22

- A is a raccoon
- B is a groundhog
- C is an opossum
- D is a badger

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# Badger's Burrow

Why would an animal spend all day underground—only to come out as it starts to get dark outside? Just follow the badgers in this book to find out some interesting answers to that question. Along the way, you'll learn some surprising facts. For example, a badger digs hundreds of burrows in the area where it lives so that it always has a place to rest or hide. So get ready for an underground adventure as you dig into *Badger's Burrow*!

**Armadillo's  
Burrow**

**Fox's  
Den**

**Badger's  
Burrow**

**Groundhog's  
Burrow**

**Chipmunk's  
Hole**

**Prairie Dog's  
Hideaway**

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