



MEERKAT QUIZ

This factual quiz about meerkats will test your general knowledge about their lives, habits and survival skills in the wild.

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Question 1: In which part of Africa do Meerkats live?

- (a) Northern Africa (b) Central Africa (c) Southern Africa

Question 2: What is the correct name for a group of meerkats?

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- (a) a mob (b) a gang (c) a manor (d) any of these names

Question 3: In the majority of social groups in the wild, all of the meerkats are related to each other as brothers and sisters. **TRUE or FALSE ?**

Question 4: What are baby meerkats called?

- (a) katlets (b) moogs (c) meeks (d) pups

Question 5: How many baby meerkats are in a typical litter?

- (a) 1 to 7 (b) 1 to 10 (c) 1 to 15

Question 6: If a snake threatens a group of meerkats, how do they typically react?

- (a) they gang up on it (b) they run into their burrows (c) they pretend to be dead

Question 7: What forms the *bulk* of a meerkat's daily diet?

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- (a) fruit (b) insects (c) snakes

Question 8: Meerkats are social animals that share tasks like hunting, guarding and babysitting. When a meerkat stands on guard, how does it signal danger to the others?

- (a) by slapping its tail on the ground (b) by making a loud noise (c) by jumping up and down

Question 9: Meerkats are able to close their ears to protect against ?

- (a) parasites (b) sun burn (c) sand when burrowing

Question 10: Meerkats refuse to share their burrows with any other creatures. **TRUE or FALSE ?**

Question 11: In South Africa the meerkat is called the?

- (a) sun devil (b) sun angel (c) sun spirit

That's the end of our general knowledge quiz about meerkats. It's now time to check your answers.



ANSWERS TO OUR MEERKAT QUIZ

Answer 1: (c) Southern Africa

Answer 2: (d) any of these names

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Answer 3: True

Answer 4: (d) pups (although they are often referred to as kits aswell)

Answer 5: (a) 1 to 7

Answer 6: (a) they gang up on it (this behaviour is known as 'mobbing'. By joining together in a formation they scare the predator away by making themselves look like a single large animal)

Answer 7: (b) insects

Answer 8: (b) by making a loud 'chirp' noise

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Answer 9: (c) sand when burrowing

Answer 10: False. Meerkats have been found to happily share their homes with other animals including ground squirrels and even (friendly) snakes.

Answer 11: (b) sun angel