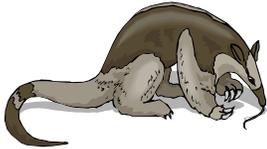




Anteaters

Have you ever learned or heard of anteaters? If you haven't, you will today, because you're going to read about them in this article. So now I hope you learn lots of facts today. Good luck you're going to learn about an anteater's habitat, animal group, if it's a predator or prey, and its adaptations.



Where are we?

Do you wonder where anteaters live? I'll tell you about an anteater's habit. Two habitats are Central and South America. Anteaters mostly live in grasslands and rainforests. A tropical rainforest has lots of animals, trees, and shelter. Tropical rainforests have lots of trees so the anteater can swing from branch to branch. A grassland has lots of grass, it has acres of grass, but when it comes to trees there's only one or two trees, that's nothing compared to all the grass there is. Another thing about tropical rainforests is that they have lots of ants running around on the ground, so the anteater has lots of ants to eat.

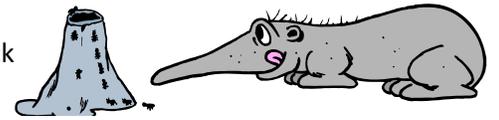
What type of animal am I?

Guess what I found out. Anteaters are mammals. Mammals have fur or hair, anteaters

have a little bit of hair so they're mammals. That's how I figured it out. Anteaters are mammals because they have fur or really hair, their mom feeds them with her milk, and they live on land not water.

Predator or Prey

An anteater is a predator. Anteaters eat ants and termites. They stick their 24 in.



tongue out and the insects stick to it, then they pull their tongue up and eats it. When it eats the ants or when it takes its tongue up, it never destroys their nest. It really isn't that hard for an anteater, but maybe for us.



Characteristics and Adaptations

Anteaters have big snouts and big tongues. This helps them dig into the ants' nest after they dig a hole in the ants' nest. Another thing anteaters have that is an adaptation is a little bit of hair. An anteater has a little amount of hair because it lives in a cool/warm habitat. The little amount of hair helps it stay cool but not too cold in its habitat. An anteater also has a long tongue to make the ants and termites stick to it. Then they pull them up and the ants and termites get eaten.

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