

# Rats

## Amazing Fact

Rats can tread water for up to three days and can survive being flushed down the toilet!

## Challenge

Read the information all about rats below and answer the questions on the following page.

## All About Rats

Rats originally came from Asia and Australia but are now found all around the world. They have travelled to other countries by hiding on boats.

Rats come in all sizes but the largest rat species, the Bosavi woolly rat, was found in a rainforest in Papua New Guinea. It is the size of a cat!

Baby rats are called pups or kittens and a group of rats is called a 'mischief'! Rats make nests in small spaces such as the gaps in buildings and rotting trees.

The house rat and the brown rat are the most common types. Although rats are nocturnal, which means they are usually awake at night, brown rats are awake night and day.

They like to eat meat the most, but will eat any leftover foods, often searching in bins and rubbish heaps.



You could also try to find out:

- which diseases can be carried by rats;
- how intelligent rats are;
- what rats do when they are happy.

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