

Read this non-chronological report about rabbits.

The rabbits in 'The tale of Peter Rabbit' are wild rabbits. Read this information to find out more about them.

Rabbits have not always hopped and skipped in the fields of the UK. They arrived 900 years ago when the Normans brought them over from France. People used their fur for clothing and they ate their meat.



Wild rabbits live in groups (called herds) under the ground in burrows. A collection of burrows linked together underground by tunnels is called a warren.

Female rabbits are called does and male rabbits are called bucks. A baby rabbit is called a kit.

Wild rabbits are usually 20-50cm long. They are grey with a white underside and their ears are very long. They have a fluffy black and white tail.

Female rabbits give birth to between three and twelve baby rabbits at any one time. The babies are born unable to see or hear and they have no fur. They snuggle close together to keep warm. The rabbits take around eight days to grow a covering of fur.



Rabbits have twenty-eight teeth and their teeth never stop growing. They are ground down by the constant chewing on grass that rabbits do. As rabbits are herbivores, they do not hunt for meat, but they are hunted by many predators such as foxes, cats, owls, eagles, snakes, stoats and dogs.

Rabbit's big, long ears help them to hear sounds of approaching predators. As their eyes are positioned on the side of their faces, they can see very well to check for danger all around them. Interestingly, they cannot see straight in front or right behind them. If a rabbit sees danger anywhere, they bang their hind legs on the ground to warn other rabbits.

IAL: to find and retrieve answers from a text

Use the text about rabbits to answer these questions

1. For roughly how many years have rabbits lived in the UK? **Tick one.**

for millions of years

for around a thousand years

for thousands of years

2. Name two ways in which rabbits were useful to humans in the past.

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3. What is a warren?

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4. Which of the following is true? Tick the correct answer

	True	False
Female rabbits are called bucks. Male rabbits are called does and baby rabbits are called kits.		
Female rabbits are called does. Male rabbits are called bucks and baby rabbits are called kits.		
Female rabbits are called kits. Male rabbits are called bucks and baby rabbits are called litters.		

5. Why do baby rabbits snuggle close together when they are first born?

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6. Name five predators of rabbits.

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7. Find the information in the text that tells you what a wild rabbit looks like. Draw and colour a picture of a wild rabbit. Add labels with information about the rabbit's features.



Change these verbs so that they are in the past tense.

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Present tense	Past tense
run	
play	
go	
climb	
see	

Spot the mistakes in these sentences and write them out correctly.

B

Yesterday I see a little robin flying in my garden.

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I eat all of my lunch because I was hungry.

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When it was raining, I play inside with my big sister.

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Write your own sentences using these past tense verbs.

C

wrote

bought

rang

sang

washed

Have a look on these for some past tense games

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqqtfr/articles/z3dbg82>

<https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/past-tense-game/>

[http://www.eslgamesworld.com/members/games/grammar/New\\_Snakes\\_%20Ladders/Past\\_simple\\_tense.html](http://www.eslgamesworld.com/members/games/grammar/New_Snakes_%20Ladders/Past_simple_tense.html)

