

## Prickle promises– leader's notes

### Essential information

Age range:  
All ages

Group size:  
No max

Time needed:  
15 mins

Curriculum links:  
Science: Yr 1 Animals, Yr  
2 Living things and their  
habitats, Animals, Yr 3  
Animals, Yr 4 Living things  
and their habitats, Animals.  
Yr 5&6 Living things and  
their habitats

Setting:  
Classroom

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### Background to activity

During this activity children will have to recall their knowledge of hedgehog habitats, and make a pledge to take action to help them in the local area, as part of a display.

### Materials needed

- Copies of worksheet, with 'prickle' cut out
- Pencils/pens
- Display board, blue tack

### Running the activity

After learning about hedgehog needs and habitat requirements, ask the children to think of a way they would like to help hedgehogs in their garden/school grounds. For example putting out water for them to drink, creating a log pile for them to hibernate in, removing dangers such as rubbish or slug pellets. Get each child to write their promise on a cut out 'prickle' and stick to the body of a large hedgehog outline (minus prickles) on a display board.

### Extension activities

- As real hedgehogs have over 5,000 prickles, every pupil in the school could make a promise on a giant or multiple hedgehog/s.
- Tape 'prickle' to a cocktail stick and use a plasticine/foam body for a 3D version.
- Children could record evidence of carrying out their promise and any following wildlife sightings, via photos, videos or a written diary.

