

Prickle promises – leader's notes

people's
trust for
endangered
species

Bringing the wild back to life

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.

