

## Activity Sheet:

# Hibernation



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To save energy when there is little food around for them to eat, hedgehogs go into hibernation. This is a bit like a long sleep and their heart rate and breathing rate slow right down.

1. Draw a nest for this hedgehog to hibernate in. Why not stick on some leaves too!



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This is called a **hibernaculum**!

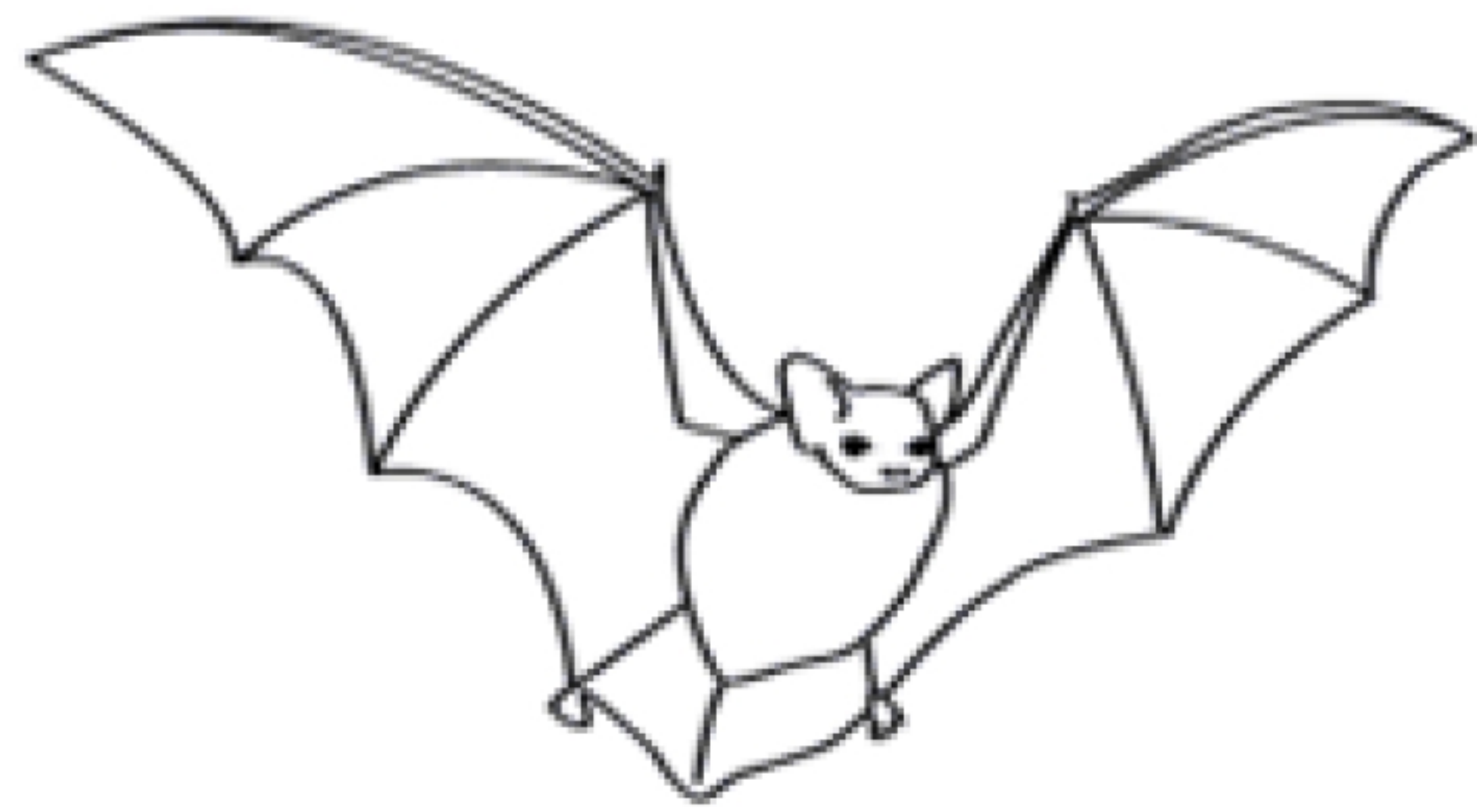
2. Write down some places a hedgehog may choose to hibernate.

Answer

3. When do hedgehogs hibernate? Tick the months:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> January  | <input type="checkbox"/> July      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> August    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March    | <input type="checkbox"/> September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April    | <input type="checkbox"/> October   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May      | <input type="checkbox"/> November  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June     | <input type="checkbox"/> December  |

4. There are only two other UK mammals that hibernate in winter. What are they?



5. What must we always do before lighting a bonfire in November?

Answer

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Answers: 2) Under a bush/hedge/bramble, under a log pile, under a shed/decking, in a compost heap, in a bonfire pile... 3) November, December, January, February, March (plus sometimes October) 5) Check that there are no hibernating hedgehogs or other wildlife inside!