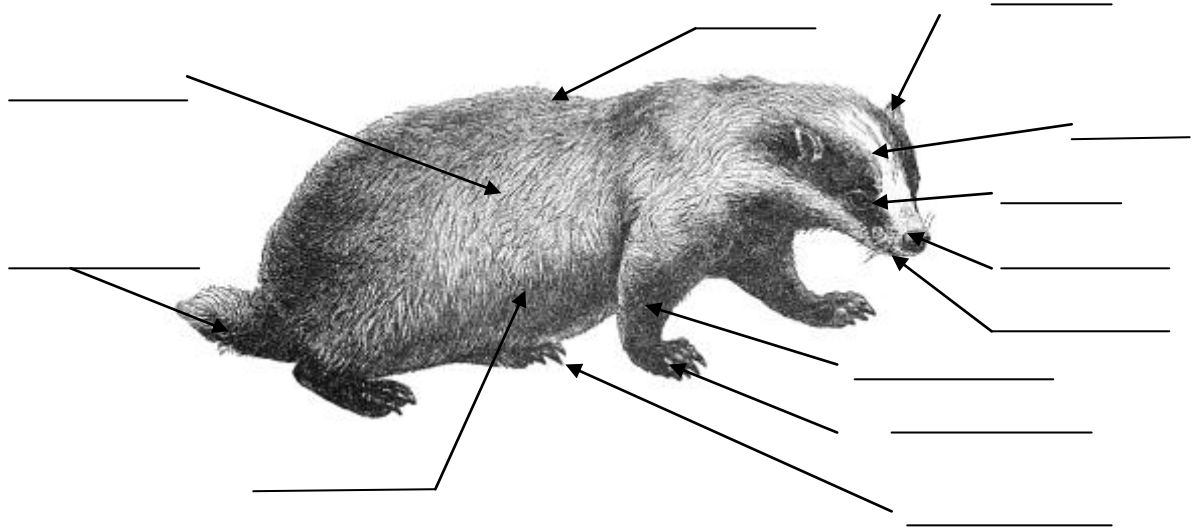




The Badger in French (Le blaireau en français)



foot - **pied**; head - **tete**; leg - **jambe**; abdomen - **abdomen**; back - **dos**; tail: **queue**
hair - **cheveux**; eye - **oeil**; nose - **nez**; ear - **oreille**; mouth - **bouche**; claw - **griffe**

Write the French words into the spaces above to illustrate the parts of a badger.
(Donnez des mots français dans les espaces ci-dessus pour illustrer les parties d'un blaireau.)

*The word badger comes from the French word, 'becheur', meaning 'digger'.
In France it is known as le blaireau, which means 'corn-harder'*

Apart from the rare wolf and bears, the badger is the largest wild carnivore in France .

The earliest fossil of the genus Meles is Thorali's badger (Meles Thorali) and was in France at Saint-Villier, near Lyons, and is perhaps 2 million years old.

In France, badger meat was used in the preparation of several dishes, such as *Blarieur au sang* and it was a relatively common ingredient in countryside cuisine. Badger meat was eaten in some parts of Spain until recently as well. **It is highly illegal to possess or eat a badger in this country!**

Diet: Badgers are omnivores (eating both animals and plants). They eat **worms**, rodents, frogs, small mammals, insects and their larvae, fruit, and roots. Badgers 'snuffle' for much of their food.

Classification: Kingdom Animalia, Phylum Chordata, Class Mammalia (mammals), Order Carnivora, Family Mustelidae (weasels, ferrets, minks, skunks, otters, badgers), Genera Meles. Species: meles meles.