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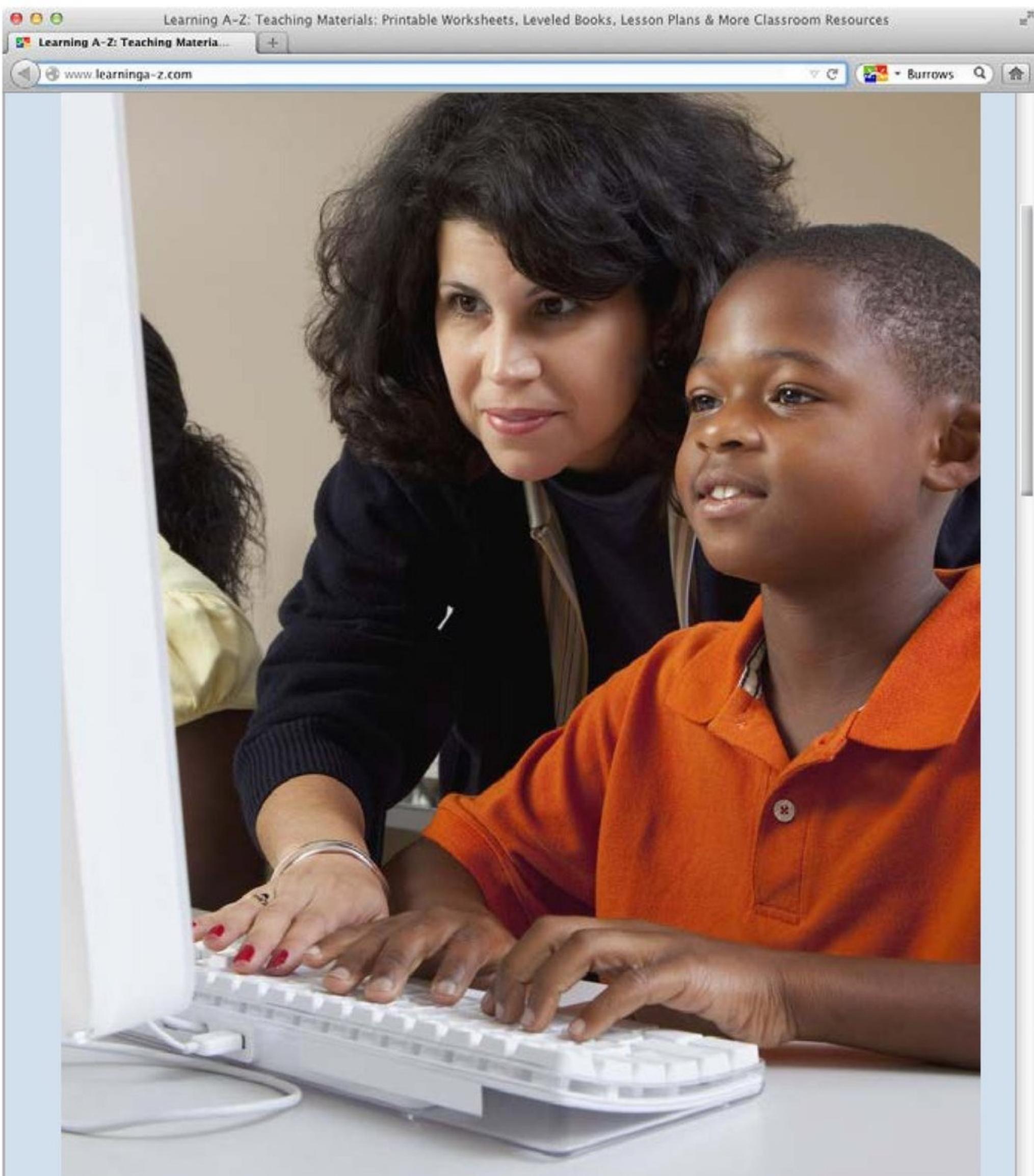
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Animal Burrows

Many animals live in holes called **burrows**.

I wanted to know more about them.





My teacher and I work together.

My teacher helped me learn
about them.

I used the computer to share
what I learned.

Come see what I learned!

The image consists of two parts. On the left is a map of the southwestern United States and a small portion of Mexico. A red shaded area highlights the 'Desert tortoise area', which includes parts of California, Nevada, and Arizona. The map also shows the Pacific Ocean to the west and the state names California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Mexico. A compass rose indicates cardinal directions (N, S, E, W). On the right is a photograph of a desert tortoise (Gopherus agassizii) in its natural habitat. The tortoise is resting on dry, brown ground with sparse, yellowish-brown vegetation. It has a large, patterned shell and its head is partially visible, showing its eye and front leg.

A desert tortoise hangs out in a burrow.

Staying Cool

A tortoise lives in this hole!

It lives in a desert.

It digs a burrow to get away from
the heat.

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Burrows

Wowser!

The goliath bird-eating spider is as big as a dinner plate.

A goliath bird-eating spider hides in its burrow.

Keeping Eggs Safe

A big spider lives in this hole!
It lays eggs in a little bag.
It takes the bag when it leaves
to find food.

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Burrows

The image consists of two parts. On the left is a map of the North Atlantic region titled 'Atlantic puffin area'. The map shows the outlines of Greenland, North America, Europe, and Africa. The 'Atlantic puffin area' is highlighted in red across these continents. On the right is a close-up photograph of an Atlantic puffin sitting in a dark, narrow burrow entrance. The puffin has white plumage on its head and neck, black on its back, and a distinctive orange-yellow bill with a large, colorful patch. The burrow is surrounded by green vegetation and rocks.

An Atlantic puffin sits in its burrow.

Making a Nest

This is a hole for **puffins!**

They spend most of their time
at sea.

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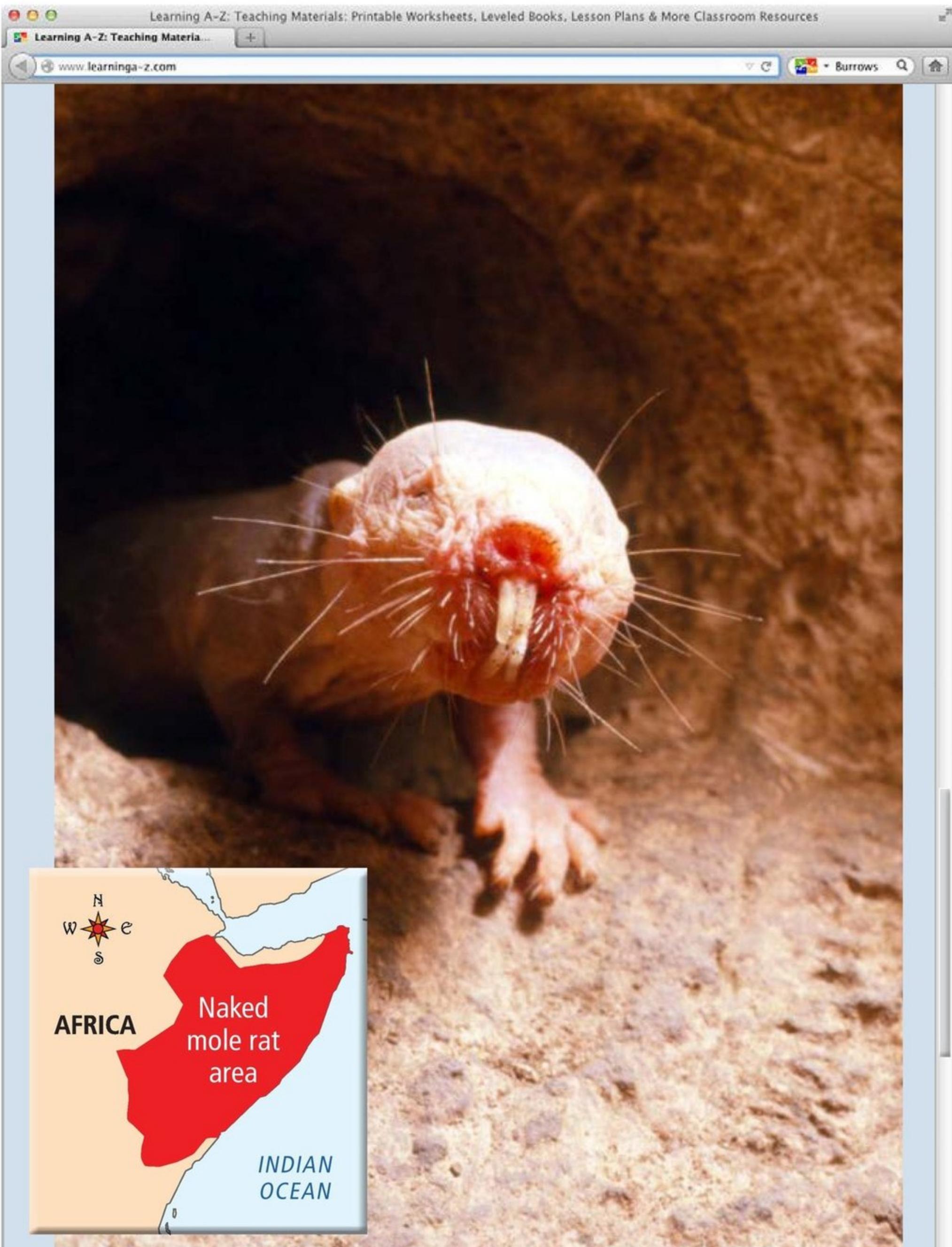
Wowser!

Puffins may have bright colors on their bills. Some people call puffins "clowns of the sea."



A puffin feeds its chick.

They dig a burrow on a cliff.
The burrow is a nest.
Both parents take care of the egg.

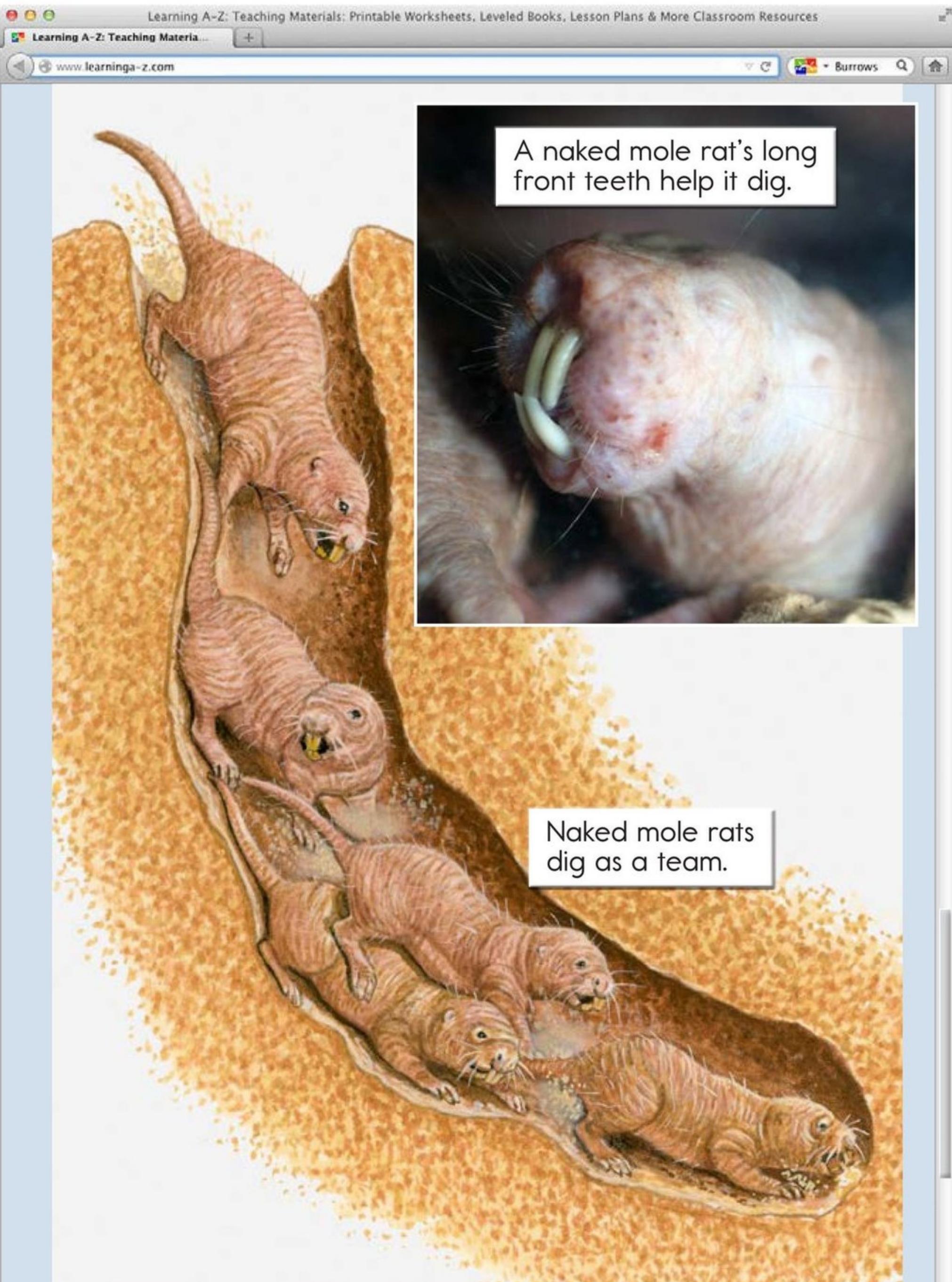


A naked mole rat pokes its head out of its burrow.

Living in the Dark

Naked mole rats live in this hole!

They live in the dark.



They dig **tunnels** to find food.
One animal digs.
Others move the dirt away.



A Japanese giant salamander comes out of its burrow.

Hiding and Laying Eggs

A big **salamander** lives

in this underwater hole!

It lives in rivers and streams.

It hides all day and hunts at night.



A male salamander protects the eggs.

The burrow is a safe place for eggs.
A female lays many eggs.
A male keeps the eggs safe.

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Burrows

Wowser!

A wombat's burrow may be as long as three school buses!

AUSTRALIA

Tasmania

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

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Wombat area

A mother and baby wombat look out of their burrow.

Taking a Nap

A **wombat** lives in this hole!
It sleeps in its burrow all day.
It comes out to find food at night.

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Burrows

Snakes live in burrows, too!

More to Come

Other animals live in burrows, too.

It is so fun to learn about animals!

Glossary

burrows (n.)	holes dug in the ground by animals for use as homes (p. 4)
naked mole rats (n.)	burrowing, almost hairless rodents that are nearly blind and live in Africa (p. 10)
puffins (n.)	any of three kinds of diving seabirds known for their brightly colored beaks (p. 8)
salamander (n.)	a kind of amphibian that has smooth, wet skin, a long tail, and short legs (p. 12)
tunnels (n.)	underground passages (p. 11)
wombat (n.)	a burrowing mammal with a pouch and short legs that looks similar to a small bear (p. 14)

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