



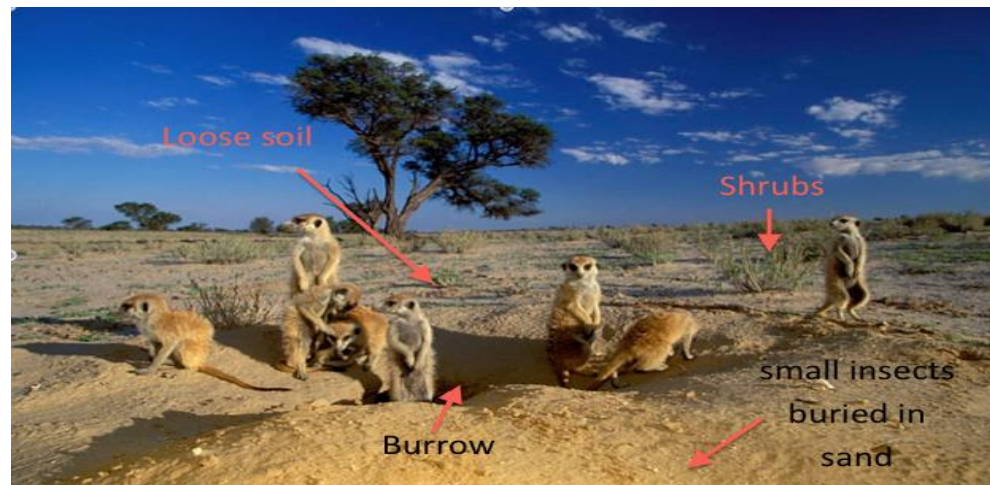
MEERKATS

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HABITAT

Meerkats mainly live in the deserts and grasslands of Africa. They would always be living in a dry, open area such as savannahs. Meerkats live in a group called a “mob”, “gang” or “clan”.



APPEARANCE

Meerkats are cute, small animals with bushy, brown, striped fur, a small pointed face and large eyes surrounded by dark patches. Baby meerkats are called pups, kits, and sometimes, cubs! Even though they have “kat” in their name, their playful personality makes them more dog-like. Female meerkats don’t have a specific name, but when she is in a group, she is referred to as “the queen”.

DIET

- Meerkats eat lots of insects, fruit, birds, eggs, lizards and scorpion. Meerkats don't actually drink water! They get all the moisture they need from their food diet.

