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Prairie Dog Code



Solve the code to complete the sentences in the fact sheet below.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- Prairie dogs are **18-15-4-5-14-20-19** _____. They are related to squirrels, not dogs.
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- Early explorers, like Lewis and Clark, thought prairie dog **1-12-1-18-13** _____ calls were similar to a dog barking. That's why they were given the name prairie dog.
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- Prairie dogs eat grasses, flowers, and **23-5-5-4-19** _____ .
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- Prairie dogs live in large **3-15-12-15-14-9-5-19** _____ , or towns, in the grasslands of western North America. Like human towns, prairie dog towns consist of many homes — except that prairie dog homes, called **2-21-18-18-15-23-19** _____ , are underground!
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- To create their burrows, prairie dogs dig **20-21-14-14-5-12-19** _____ or shafts, usually 7-10 feet deep in the ground.
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- The burrows have many chambers, like **18-15-15-13-19** _____ in a house, all connected by tunnels. There are chambers for sleeping and for storage. There are nurseries for prairie dog pups. There are also listening chambers near the exits where a prairie dog can listen for **16-18-5-4-1-20-15-18-19** _____ .
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- Prairie dogs are a "**11-5-25-19-20-15-14-5** _____ species." That means that many other animals share their habitat and may depend upon them for shelter, food, and survival.
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- Cottontail rabbits, burrowing **15-23-12-19** _____ , rattlesnakes, and the Great Plains **20-15-1-4** _____ all set up home in abandoned prairie dog burrows.
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- Hawks, **5-1-7-12-5-19** _____ , and coyotes all rely on prairie dogs as food. Black-footed ferrets rely completely on prairie dogs for a home and as a food source. The ferrets are an endangered species. Without prairie dogs, they would face **5-24-20-9-14-3-20-9-15-14** _____ .
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- Today, prairie dogs are often **16-15-9-19-15-14-5-4** _____ and shot for sport. Their colonies are often destroyed to make way for shopping centers and developments. They need our help to survive!