

BIG SLEEPERS



Some animals do not like to be out and about in the winter. It is too cold and there is no food for them. So, they sleep right through it! We say that they **hibernate**.

Hedgehogs get nice and fat in the summer and the autumn. Then they roll up in a ball of dry leaves and sleep during the cold months.

Bats hibernate by hanging upside down in a barn or a cave. Frogs hibernate in the mud at the bottom of a pond.

Squirrels do not hibernate. They sleep for a few weeks at a time. Then they will wake up and eat some nuts and go back to sleep again. ■

CHECK-UP

- 1 Why do some animals not like the winter?
- 2 What do they do in the winter?
- 3 Name three animals that hibernate.
- 4 Where do bats go to hibernate?
- 5 Do squirrels hibernate?