

Morning Starters: Summer1 - Grasslands

Word Challenge

Create a ladder of grass-themed words, where the last letter of the word below is the first letter of the word above.

Example:

meadow

ecosystem

edible

pasture

Grammar Challenge

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Complete the following sentence with a simile.

The harvest mouse was ...

Example: The harvest mouse was as agile as a monkey, clambering around in a tree.

Did You Know?

British grasslands are home to fascinating creatures like the tiny harvest mouse. This mischievous rodent uses its tail to cling to grass blades as it navigates its way through its grassy home. But danger is never far away – hawks and owls frequently hunt over these fields, their sharp eyes scanning for movement below. Grass provides both shelter and challenges, making it a unique habitat for wildlife.



Credit: BBC Two - Planet Earth II

Number Challenge

Solve the emoji puzzle below, featuring three of the harvest mouse's most feared predators.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Owl} + \text{Owl} + \text{Owl} = 24 \\ \text{Hawk} \times \text{Owl} + \text{Hawk} = 54 \\ \text{Weasel} \times \text{Owl} + \text{Weasel} = 81 \\ \text{Owl} + \text{Hawk} + \text{Weasel} = ? \end{array}$$

Critical Thinking

Do you think it's fair that some animals, like hawks and owls, hunt smaller animals for food? Why do you think this?