

# My Fox Den Teacher Instructions

## Entrance

- Ask**
- Do you think foxes want other animals to find their dens? Why or why not?
  - Why do you think foxes might want to hide their dens?
  - How do you think foxes hide their dens?
  - Look at your den. How could your fox escape if another animal was at the entrance?
- Explain**
- Foxes usually hide their dens behind plants and rocks to keep them safe from predators.
  - Most dens have an emergency escape tunnel if a predator enters.
- Invite**
- a. Have students draw or glue plants, rocks, or other natural features to hide two den entrances.
  - b. Ask them to label these “entrance.”
  - c. Have students show their drawings to classmates and offer compliments to others on their hiding techniques.

## Nesting Room

- Ask**
- What is a nest?
  - What do you think the nesting room of a fox den is used for?
  - What do you think foxes use to make their nests cozy and warm?
- Video**
- Show the “Nesting Room” video and discuss what students observed.
- Explain**
- Foxes make nests in their dens to raise their young.
  - They use soft materials like grass, leaves, and bird feathers for comfort.
- Invite**
- a. Have students draw or glue items to create a nesting room.
  - b. Encourage them to include fox cubs and nesting materials.
  - c. Ask them to label this area “nest.”
  - d. Have students share their work with classmates and offer compliments to others.

## Storage Room

- Ask**
- What does *storage* mean?
  - What do you think foxes store in their dens?
- Explain**
- Foxes store food in their dens for a year-round supply, especially for winter.
  - Explain that foxes are omnivores, which means they eat plants and other animals.
- Invite**
- a. Have students draw or glue items to create a storage room.
  - b. Encourage them to include various foods, like berries, insects, and fish.
  - c. Ask them to label this area “storage.”
  - d. Have students share their work with classmates and offer compliments to others.