

# Exploring Clever Prey: Porcupines

## Porcupine Facts

### Did you know.....

Porcupines have thousands of pointy spikes on their backs called quills to protect them from predators like cougars, bobcats, and wolves.

Porcupines are nocturnal, which means they sleep in the day and are awake at night.

Porcupines normally live in the western US and parts of Canada.

Porcupines cannot see very well but have a strong sense of smell.

[http://naturemappingfoundation.org/natmap/facts/porcupine\\_k6.html](http://naturemappingfoundation.org/natmap/facts/porcupine_k6.html)

## Watch

### Porcupine Rhymes, Porcupine Animal Rhymes Videos for Children

By APPUSERIES on Youtube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxeGaCj2DUM>



<https://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mporcupine.htm>

## Activity

### Pass the Porcupine

**Materials:** Paper plate, glue or tape, brown construction paper, marker, scissors

**What you will do:** First cut the paper plate in half. Next draw a face on one side of the plate. Then cut out long spikes out of brown construction paper and glue it to the plate. Then have your family sit in a circle and set a timer for 30 seconds. Then pass the porcupine plate around the circle while singing the following: "Porcupine, porcupine, please don't poke. I just want to play and joke. Porcupine, porcupine can't you see. I'm not a wolf; It's just me. Porcupine, Porcupine who sleeps all day and stays up at night to eat and play." Whoever is holding the porcupine when the timer stops get a "porcupine poke" and can only use one hand to pass the porcupine in the next round.

**Discuss:** Explain to your child that the brown spikes represent a porcupines quills. The quills are really sharp to protect them from other animals. Explain that porcupines are spike-y and sharp, the opposite of smooth.