

Fun Facts about Moles

Where is Jackson's underground home?

Moles are found on every continent except Antarctica and South America. They make their tunnel systems in grasslands, cities, gardens, and sand dunes. These critters can make a home anywhere with soil.

Why does Jackson live underground?

Moles are fossorial, or "diggers." Their large paws have six fingers that are adapted for digging large networks of tunnels where they sleep and eat. This way, they avoid predators like owls, buzzards, cats, and dogs, who might want to eat them.

Why does Jackson wear glasses?

Moles are not blind, but they can't see very well. In the story, Jackson wears glasses to help him see. Real moles don't wear glasses, but they have a bare area on their noses with many little pimples that help them detect the movement and scent of animals around them. This helps them find food in dark tunnels, and stay safe.

Why did Jackson have to move?

When moles are about one month old, they leave their parents' home to make a home of their own. That may seem very young, but moles only live to be about four years old. So Jackson is a young adult.

Why does Jackson live all alone?

Moles are solitary creatures. Once they leave home, they tend to live alone. Jackson, a friendly mole, gets along with his "noisy new friends," but real moles are very territorial, and almost never live together.

What does Jackson eat?

In the story, Jackson eats cereal and toast, but in real life, moles eat earthworms and a variety of nuts. Yum!

