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# Chubby-Cheeked Squirrels

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However, living on the ground are some squirrels with cheek pouches. These include ground squirrels and chipmunks.

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2. What is a burrow?
  - a. an underground home with long tunnels
  - b. a nest in a tree
  - c. a small underground hole
  - d. a small cave
  
3. Is this text fiction or nonfiction? \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What is this text mostly about?
  - a. the difference between chipmunks and squirrels
  - b. flying squirrels and tree squirrels
  - c. types of ground squirrels that have cheek pouches
  - d. how squirrels collect nuts

## ANSWER KEY

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