

GETTING DRESSED



Decorator crabs dress up with ocean scraps of this and that.

Seaweed, coral, anemones too – any feathery bits will do!



The crabs have tiny bristles on their shells to stick decorations on. The bristles work like the Velcro that you might have on clothes and shoes.



It sits down **silently** on the seafloor, not looking **crabby** anymore.

Just ... act ... natural ...



Phew! I'm safe!

In its **disguise**, it hopes to **hide** from **enemies** with **beady eyes**.

These little crabs don't wear decorations to be fashionable. The items are used for camouflage, disguising the crab on the seabed to fool hungry predators.

EATING MEALS

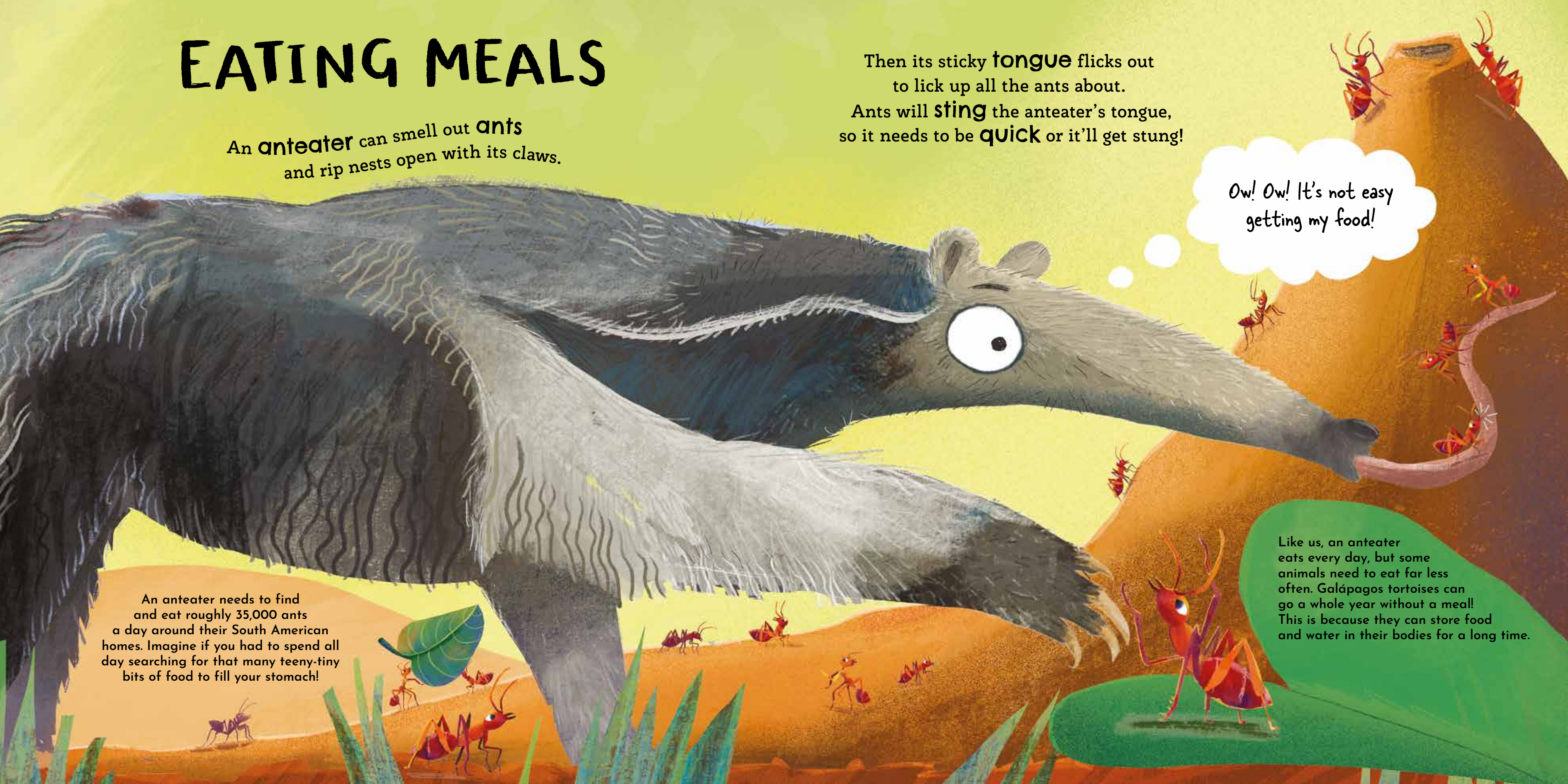
An anteater can smell out ants and rip nests open with its claws.

Then its sticky tongue flicks out to lick up all the ants about. Ants will sting the anteater's tongue, so it needs to be quick or it'll get stung!

Ow! Ow! It's not easy getting my food!

An anteater needs to find and eat roughly 35,000 ants a day around their South American homes. Imagine if you had to spend all day searching for that many teeny-tiny bits of food to fill your stomach!

Like us, an anteater eats every day, but some animals need to eat far less often. Galápagos tortoises can go a whole year without a meal! This is because they can store food and water in their bodies for a long time.



POOING

A sloth will climb down from its tree to take a **big poo** once a week. It poos out a third of its body weight. **Eek!**

Hey, don't peek!

It's dangerous for sloths to poo out in the open too often. Once they've done their pile of poos, they bury it so their enemies won't find out where they live.

I POO, TOO

Blue whales do giant glowing poos. They're coloured orange, pink or green - the **brightest poo** you've ever seen!

Blue whales eat pinky-red krill, which is why their poo is so brightly coloured. What you eat can change the colour of your poo, too. For example, eating beetroot might make your poo red.

Rabbits do the same **poo** twice.

The first one's **soft** and **small** and **round**. Then they eat the ball back up, and poo a **hard one** on the ground!



Eating the first poo doesn't harm the rabbit. The poo is just partly-chewed food and is actually full of nutrients (goodness) for the rabbit.

LEARNING

Meerkat pups have hunting lessons where they learn to bite off a scorpion's sting.

Looks tricky ...



The scorpion makes a **yummy meal** but its venom is a **dangerous** thing!

... but tasty!

Baby meerkats first practise with a dead scorpion. Then they get a live one with its stinger already removed. Soon, they're ready to tackle the real deal!



Before a **meerkat** eats a millipede, it **rolls** it in sand to rub off its **poison**. That's something the babies have to learn, or the poison will make their insides **burn**!



Around 40 meerkats live together in burrows in southern Africa. The big ones teach skills to the small ones, just as you might learn from your teachers or other grown-ups in your life.