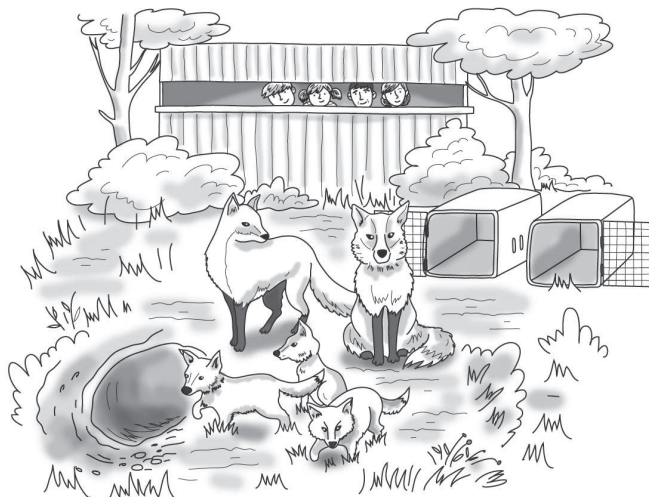


## Fox Cub Danger

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- 1 *Amelia and her friends are in a hide, watching as they try to rehome a family of foxes to an old badger sett. The male fox has been at the vet's following a road accident.*
- 4 A long snout poked out of one of the boxes. Amelia held her breath as the male fox emerged. His pointed ears were pricked, and he sniffed the dawn air. His leg and ear were both completely healed now, and he moved easily as he snuffled at the other boxes. *He must be so pleased to be outside again,* Amelia thought.
- 9 The female fox stepped out of her box, peering around curiously. Then she stared at the male fox. He stared back.
- 11 "Let's hope they remember each other," murmured Mrs Hope.
- 12 The pair padded towards each other. Then their noses touched, and Amelia felt a swell of joy as the male fox rubbed his head against the vixen's side. The cubs came out of their box, tumbling over each other. The largest cub scampered to the old badger sett and sniffed at it – and then trotted into one of the holes.
- 17 *Please let them like their new home,* Amelia thought.
- 18 The mother fox followed her cub inside. The other cubs went after her. Finally, the male fox went inside. Amelia glanced around the hide. Everyone was smiling with relief and happiness.
- 21 The fox family darted in and out of the sett, the cubs playing together, rolling and squirming in the undergrowth while their parents looked on.



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1 Look at the paragraph beginning “*A long snout ...*”.

What does the word “*emerged*” mean? Tick **one**.

came out       ran away       sneezed       sniffed

2a

1 mark

2 The male fox has been injured before.

Find evidence from the paragraph beginning “*A long snout ...*” to support this statement. You do not have to copy words.

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2d

1 mark

3 Find and **copy one** word that tells you what time of day it was when the first fox sniffed the air.

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2b

1 mark

4 How did the male and female foxes greet each other?

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2b

1 mark

5 The writer describes the fox cubs as “*tumbling over each other*”.

How does this tell us they are feeling? Tick **one**.

aggressive       angry       playful       surprised

2g

1 mark

6 The people watching the foxes were feeling happy.

Find and **copy one** group of words that is evidence for this statement.

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2d

1 mark

7 Which of these would be a good title for this extract? Tick **one**.

Inside the Hide       The Foxes’ New Home

At the Badger’s Sett       Everyone Is Happy

2c

1 mark

8 Do you think the fox family will like living in their new home?

Give ideas from the text in your answer.

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2e

1 mark

9 Draw lines to join groups of words from the text to what they tell you.

The fox “*snuffled at the other boxes*”.

“*their noses touched*”

The largest cub “*trotted into one of the holes*”.

The cubs were “*rolling and squirming in the undergrowth*”.

The adult foxes remembered each other.

The fox was trying to find out what was in the other boxes.

The cubs were playing in an area surrounded by bushes.

The cub thought the hole was safe to go into.

2d

2 marks