

Selected physical and behavioral characteristic of role-play animals.

Red fox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red foxes weigh 2.5 kg – 13.6 kg (7 lbs – 30 lbs). • Red foxes live and travel alone. • Red foxes walk slowly and quietly on 4 legs, sniffing the air and listening for sounds, as they look for food. • A sound made by red foxes when they are happy is: “ha, ha, ha, ha, haaa; ha, ha, ha, ha, HAAAA!” • Foxes feed on any small animals they can find, as well as on fruits. • Foxes obtain water from a variety of sources, including puddles, streams, and ponds. • Foxes may use abandoned animal dens when mating, but they do not usually make a shelter. Typically, they just curl up on the ground and wrap their bushy tail around them.
Cottontail rabbit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cottontail rabbits live and travel alone. • Cottontail rabbits sit up on their hind legs periodically to look for predators. • Cottontail rabbits travel by hopping on four legs. When chased by a predator, like a fox, they hop from side-to-side, reaching speeds up to 15 mph. • Rabbits eat mostly grasses, flowers, and leaves. • Rabbits usually obtain all the water they need from their foods and from the dew that covers them at dawn.
Gray ground squirrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although squirrels may feed among other squirrels, they are aggressive toward each other and try to monopolize food sources. • Squirrels travel by hopping and can make huge leaps between trees and bushes. • When frightened, squirrels make a clicking sound (kuk, kuk, kuk) to warn other squirrels of potential danger. • Squirrels feed mainly on nuts, seeds, and fruit. • Squirrels typically obtain water from puddles and crooks of trees. • Squirrels live in trees. They rest in nests, called dreys, and in tree hollows. • Rabbits sometimes burrow to create dens, but they usually just make a depression in a thicket of grass to rest.